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Jackson death ruled a homicide

CORONER The Los Angeles County coroner has ruled Michael Jackson's death a homicide, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press, a finding that makes it more likely criminal charges will be filed against the doctor who was with the pop star when he died.

Michael Jackson

The coroner determined a fatal combination of drugs was given to Jackson hours before he died June 25 in his rented Los Angeles mansion, according to the official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the findings have not been publicly released.

Dr. Conrad Murray, a Las Vegas cardiologist who became Jackson's personal physician weeks before his death, is the target of a manslaughter investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Jays **Rough night**

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Roy Halladay tries to regroup during the first inning of last night's game against Tampa Bay at the Rogers Centre. Halladay gave up eight runs over six innings, including three in the first, as the Jays lost 12-7. More coverage, page 27.

Military crunch

Upcoming burden may require soldier outsourcing

Canada is considering outsourcing military work in Afghanistan and pulling soldiers from low-profile foreign missions to relieve the pressure of fighting in Kandahar, guarding the 2010 Olympics and protecting world leaders in Muskoka.

According to documents obtained by the Toronto Star, more than 32,000 military personnel — about half the entire Canadian Forces — will be in training or set to deploy on missions to Kandahar, the Vancouver Olympics and next summer's G8 meeting in Huntsville between this summer and July 2010.

That staffing burden makes it impossible to carry on current operations and still respond to the weekly requests for Canadian soldiers from the U.S., NATO and the United Nations, the military says.

The defence department has labelled the problem "Personnel Crunch 2010."

"We ... are now at the point where some requests that would seem to be minor (e.g., for only a few personnel) are, in reality, difficult to source initially and impossible to sustain over the 2010 time frame," says a March 17 memorandum to chief of defence staff Gen. Walter Natynczyk.

Military officials are already considering passing some of the force's signature work in Afghanistan to civilian contractors or retired soldiers. Canadian soldiers in Kandahar will also be ordered to train and mentor additional Afghan army battalions on the front lines without the help of more troops, say the documents, obtained under the Access to Information Act.

Canadian participation in smaller peacekeeping missions could end or be drastically cut, the memo also reveals.

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Logistically challenging

- The $900-million, RCMP-led Olympic security operation will send more than 4,000 soldiers to B.C. this winter. "Operation Podium" will include regular and reserve forces, special operations soldiers and the JTF2 commandos. As logistically challenging as the Olympic security operation will be for the Canadian military, the G8 meeting in Huntsville will be "as big or bigger than Op Podium," army planners say.

Retailers record positive numbers

SunnySide

Canadian retail sales rose one per cent in June, the fifth gain in the last six months, and a boost economists say proves the recession is over.

Statistics Canada said yesterday that retail sales hit $34.4 billion in June, higher than expected. Adjusted for inflation, retail sales were up 0.4 per cent compared with May.

Gasoline was the biggest driver, with sales at the pump rising 4.7 per cent in June compared with May, due largely to higher prices. Auto sales were up 2.1 per cent.

StatsCan said overall retail volume was up 0.4 per cent from May, with sales rising in six of eight sectors.

It's the second straight month of gains, with May's retail sales rising by 1.1 per cent from April, when sales fell by 0.7 per cent.

"Gains in retail sales add further weight to growing evidence that Canada's recession ended in June," said CIBC World Markets economist Krishen Rangasamy.

"Gains in retailing were broad-based, with June's one per cent advance buoyed not only by prices but more importantly by volumes."

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Economist Krishen Rangasamy noted that all provinces saw retail gains in June, with the exception of New Brunswick, where sales fell 0.2 per cent. Manitoba and Saskatchewan saw the strongest sales growth at 2.8 and 2.3 per cent, respectively. Ontario sales grew by a mere 0.1 per cent compared with May.

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Exec cracks listeria joke

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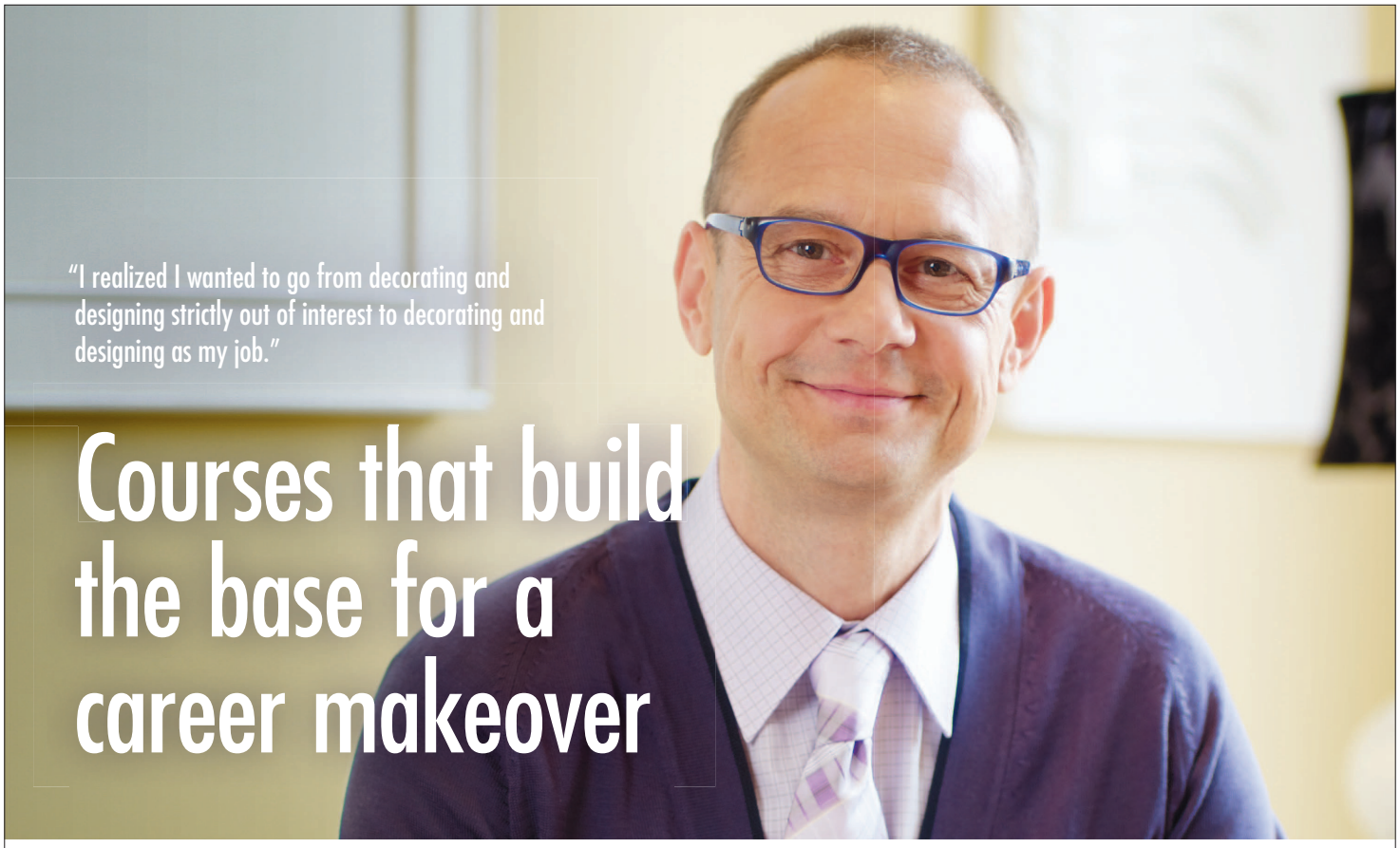

"I realized I wanted to go from decorating and designing strictly out of interest to decorating and designing as my job."

Courses that build the base for a career makeover

A Continuing Education Success Story – For Harvey Winks, winning first place in New Construction at the 2008 Canadian Decorators' Association (CDECA) Awards was proof that changing careers had been the right decision. Although he had always decorated and designed his own spaces, Harvey didn't pursue an interior decorating career until he had already spent 12 years as a sales manager. That's when he found the Interior Decorating Certificate offered through Continuing Education at George Brown College. "The downtown location is a godsend, and the opportunity to have Designers' Walk just two blocks away is absolutely priceless." Harvey now runs his own decorating company, Home Vision.

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Durham police fire at vehicle
Durham police say their officers fired three shots at a suspect's vehicle after it drove at them Saturday night. Police in Whitby were asked to pursue a vehicle that was taken by a drunk driver without the owner's consent, said Sgt. Nancy Van Rooy. Nobody was injured and the man was arrested. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

Local

Stolen vehicles recovered

Three men have been arrested and police have recovered two stolen vehicles after a pursuit near Wickson Trail and Kessack Court in Scarborough at the Durham-Toronto border around 2 a.m. yesterday. Police said two cruisers received minor damage when they tried to box in the car. No names or charges have been released. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Exec sorry for listeria joke

A high-level Maple Leaf Foods executive has been caught on camera joking about last year's listeria outbreak that killed 22 people.

Rory McAlpine, vice-president of government and industry relations with the food giant was speaking at the Couchiching Conference in Orillia Aug. 8 when he delivered a quip about the outbreak, culminating with a punchline even he now says was tasteless.

> **"You don't need to worry. The Stanley Cup hasn't been in any contact with a Maple Leaf product for 42 years."**
> Maple Leaf executive Rory McAlpine

"There was a woman so excited that she went and she kissed the Stanely Cup. But then she got home and she began to worry and she began to wonder, 'Oh my God, am I going to get listeria, I kissed the Stanley Cup," he tells the crowd in a YouTube video.

"So she phoned up Health Canada and the nice lady at Health Canada said, 'Oh, no, no, no, no, you don't need to worry. The Stanley Cup hasn't been in any contact with a Maple Leaf product for 42 years.'"

Doug Powell, a Canadian food safety expert at Kansas State University, called the wisecrack "gross" and suggested he should make the listeria tests public.

After a link to the video clip appeared on Powell's blog yesterday, McAlpine posted a mea culpa.

"I want to sincerely apologize ... for the joke," he wrote. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Grocery store death prompts investigation

LABOUR The Ministry of Labour is investigating an industrial accident in a Scarborough grocery store Sunday night, that saw a man plunge 20-feet to his death.

Emergency crews were called to Highland Farms Supermarket on Ellesmere Road near Kennedy Road, at about 10 p.m.

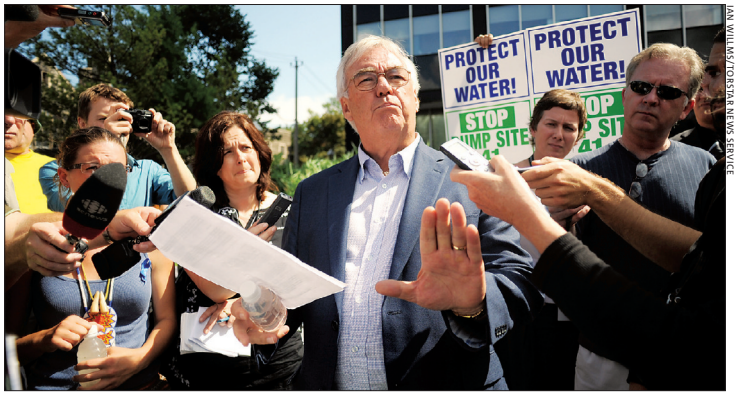
Police

- Police say they don't suspect any foul play at this point.

A 45-year-old man was found with no vital signs on the concrete ground floor. Contracted by the grocery store to fix the roof, the self-employed victim was on the second floor when the accident happened, said Det. Al Locken.

Paramedics rushed the man to hospital though he had absent vital signs, an EMS spokesperson said.

He was pronounced dead in hospital. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Ontario Minister of the Environment John Gerretsen addresses media and community members from Simcoe County, Beausoleil First Nation Reserve, Toronto and elsewhere as they rally at the Ministry of Environment in Toronto yesterday.

Water quality critics decry Site 41

MINISTER Water quality in some wells surrounding Simcoe County's Dump Site 41 has noticeably deteriorated since work resumed on preparing the facility, say opponents.

"We are really concerned about the condition of the drinking water," said Jen Meunier, spokesperson for a group that met with Environment Minister John Gerretsen yesterday.

The visit followed a 140-kilometre trip by two men who cycled from the site to the minister's St. Clair Avenue West office to draw attention to their concerns. Work had been delayed for five weeks while critics blockaded the dump's gates, but resumed after an injunction was issued to disband the blockade. Police arrested 17 protesters on mischief charges. The Alliston Aquifer, which lies directly under Site 41, is part of a vast network of underground reservoirs running from Georgian Bay under Lake Simcoe and almost to Lake Ontario through the Oak Ridges Moraine, a major source of drinking water. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Foul weather tickets to get blown away

PARKING If you got a ticket because you were forced to park illegally in the wake of last week's destructive storm, you might be off the hook.

The Toronto Police parking enforcement unit says it will consider withdrawing some tickets issued in areas that experienced heavy damage during the storm, where people were forced to park in permit or no-parking zones.

"With the situation being brought to our attention, we were able to look at it and quite clearly see that this is definitely an area for consideration," says Const. Wendy Drummond.

A Beach resident who got a ticket for parking illegally after a tree fell during last week's destructive storm, preventing him from parking in his normal spot, has learned he won't have to pay.

"I definitely feel a lot better. I just hope the other people who got tickets can get theirs withdrawn, too," said Paul Jensen, who couldn't park in the underground lot at the El Pueblo apartment building on Beech Avenue. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tickets

- The Toronto Police says anyone who received parking tickets in heavily damaged neighbourhoods can call parking enforcement at 416-808-6500 to explain why they were forced to park illegally. Cases will be dealt with on an individual basis.

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Hang-glider injured in crash

A hang-glider suffered broken bones yesterday in a crash at a private school for the sport, police say. The crash was just after noon at High Perspective Hang Gliding and Paragliding School in Brougham, said Sgt. Nancy van Rooy of Durham police. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Vaughan Mayor Linda Jackson addresses media in Maple, a neighbourhood damaged by a tornado last week.

Vaughan rebuilds after tornado hit

T.O. Twisters

Vaughan Mayor Linda Jackson says 38 homes remain uninhabitable following a tornado that ripped through the city last week.

More than 600 homes were damaged by the twister that hit parts of Woodbridge and Maple last Thursday. It was initially reported that residents were forced from 44 homes seriously damaged by the storm.

But Jackson told a media conference in a damaged area of Maple yesterday that just 38 homes remained awaiting repairs. Of those, she said just a couple would have to be demolished.

Chris Cable of the York Catholic District School Board said she hoped St. Peter's elementary school would be repaired by the time classes start on Sept. 8. If not, students would temporarily attend classes at a nearby location still to be determined.

Jackson said emergency shelters opened after the tornado hit were to be closed tonight. She said no residents needed the centres for accommodation as members of the community rallied to help each other.

In their place, information centres will open to give residents updates on how and where to seek help. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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FUNERALS A simple wooden box. A grave dug by hand. Wildflowers to mark the spot. When it comes time to leave this world, you can't go any greener than that. Cobourg Union Cemetery has opened what is believed to be Ontario's first truly ecofriendly burial ground. Now people for whom environmental consciousness is a way of life can do their part to save the planet after death. That means putting nothing in the body or ground that isn't harmless and biodegradable. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Better storm system needed says Premier

T.O. Twisters

Premier Dalton McGuinty says authorities should look at how they could better warn the public about tornadoes in the wake of a deadly storm last week.

McGuinty says the government has a responsibility to look at what lessons can be learned in the aftermath of such a crisis.

He says if there are better weather warning systems in place elsewhere, authorities have a duty to take a look at them.

McGuinty's comments come amid concerns that a tornado warning before the killer storm hit Ontario failed to reach emergency services and those who needed it most.

Environment Canada says it circulated a tornado warning half an hour before an 11-year-old boy was killed at a conservation area in Durham, Ont.

However, municipal staff and residents say it never reached them. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Durham resident Jack Marchment carrys a ladder past the remains of a shed near his residence, Friday, in Durham, Ont. A tornado touched down in the town Thursday night.

Airport tunnel 'worth considering'

POLITICS Premier Dalton McGuinty and federal Transport Minister John Baird say spending public dollars on a pedestrian tunnel to the island airport is worth considering — a move that would back Toronto Mayor David Miller into a corner.

Miller, who was first elected in 2003 on a platform to kill a proposed bridge to the island airport, opposes measures that would contribute to expanding what he terms "a sleepy commuter airport."

The proposed 170-metre tunnel would run deep beneath the lake, serving mainly passengers of upstart Porter Airlines. It would make it possible to increase flights because passengers would not be dependent on a ferry ride, though the present ferry would still be used to transport fuel, equipment and emergency vehicles.

The port authority hopes to get $19 million from Ottawa and $12 million from Queen's Park. It would foot the remaining $7 million, though its board of directors has not yet voted to commit that money.

Proposals from potential contractors are due next Thursday, and the environmental assessment could take about four months. Engineers estimate a tunnel could be built in a year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Teen dead after late-night swim

ACCIDENT A 16-year-old swimming with friends in Thornhill Sunday night has drowned.

The Toronto youth was found facedown in the water. He had no pulse. He was rushed to the Hospital for Sick Children, where he died at 5:20 a.m. yesterday.

Investigators are calling the death an accident and say the teen, who lived in Willowdale, might have suffered from a pre-existing medical problem. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Woman hit by car in Downsview

A 21-year-old woman was hit by a car while walking in Downsview. The victim was crossing Jane Street just after 5:30 a.m. yesterday when she was struck by a white Toyota travelling northbound. She was taken to hospital in serious condition with life-threatening injuries. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Popularity outweighs privacy fears on Facebook

One glance at Bryan Floyd's Facebook page and you'll know his email address, his cellphone number and that his favourite movie is Orgazmo.

"I'm a pretty open book. I don't really mind," the 25-year-old Weston resident said. "I have my phone number, tons of pictures."

Floyd recently restricted access to his profile to his friends on the networking site and had no idea his information was open to the public before. "I didn't really care, I guess," he said.

"I'm a pretty open book. I don't really mind. I have my phone number, tons of pictures."
Bryan Floyd, Facebook user

Floyd's openness might come from a need to be liked, University of Guelph psychologists say.

On Facebook, "our identity is created by what other people are saying about you," said Amy Muise, who conducted research with Emily Christofides. "The more you disclose and the more others can engage with you on Facebook, the more ... visible and social you are."

Their study found undergraduates ages 17 to 24 who disclose a lot of personal information on Facebook are driven by the desire to be popular.

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner awarded them a $50,000 federal grant this summer to extend the study to more age groups. The broadened study will be completed by March 2010.

While young people care about privacy, popularity might be more important to them, Muise said.

"They reported caring about privacy, but because Facebook is where they experience their social lives, it might be too risky not to participate."

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Cas Notarfonzo, 71, shares a laugh with a customer inside Joseph's Hairstyling near Yonge Street and St. Clair Avenue. The barbershop will celebrate 50 years of business next week.

Combing over memories

If not for today's prices on the wall, it could easily be 1959 at Joseph's Hairstyling.

The three barbers, now 74, 71, and 68, are wearing matching blue smocks. At least two are balding, but their eyesight is still good.

This barbershop has been at 1204 Yonge St. since early September 1959, when Summerhill was north Toronto.

Haircuts were $1 back then. Next week, as a thank you to the families that have supported them for generations, the barbers will lower their prices to $1 from $22.

$1 The price of a haircut at Joseph's Hairstyling to celebrate 50 years in business next week.

Ninety-five to 99 per cent of their customers are regulars, barber Joseph Notarfonzo says.

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News in brief

CASE Investigators are looking at whether a 22-year-old's reported gunpoint kidnapping has any connection to his recent arrest for theft. Furqan Muhammad-Haroon, who has been missing since Saturday, was recently fired from his summer job with IBM. On Aug. 13, the University of Toronto student was charged with theft under $5,000.

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Doctor accused of sexual assault

ARREST A doctor from Mississauga is accused of drugging and sexually assaulting a disabled woman in a Hamilton hospital. Police are continuing to investigate and say there may be other victims in the GTA.

Dr. Justin Fuminori Onzuka, 36, was arrested by Hamilton police Saturday, said Det. Helena Russell of Hamilton police.

The woman told police she was assaulted while Onzuka completed his medical residency at Hamilton Health Sciences hospital in 1994.

Onzuka, who has practised emergency medicine in Toronto, Hamilton and Mississauga, was charged with criminal harassment, sexual assault, administering a noxious thing, sexual exploitation of a person with a disability and breach of trust.

Russell said Onzuka has provided information about other incidents but no names. Police are tracking down those who have been identified and further charges are pending, Russell said.

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Karen Werden, 19, poses at the University of Waterloo residence buildings in Waterloo, Ont. The second year student will live off campus this year after living on campus during her first year.

Sleep matters

Deprivation can hurt study habits: Expert

Last year, Karen Werden moved from her home in Aurora, Ont., to a residence at the University of Waterloo. She chose to stay in a shared dorm room to be close to classes and force herself to get to know people.

Werden, 19, says she needs eight hours' sleep, and if she doesn't get it, she zones out during the day, unable to focus on what's happening in class.

Three weeks into first year, her roommate dropped out, so Werden had the space to herself. But in second term, she acquired a new dorm mate who slept much of the day and stayed out late.

Werden often found herself still wide awake until 2 or 3 a.m.

With little sleep and lots of stress, students are vulnerable to irritability and depression, says Colin Shapiro, director of the Youthdale Child and Adolescent Sleep Centre in Toronto. Existing conditions such as diabetes, chronic fatigue and asthma can also worsen with sleep deprivation.

He says a lot of memory consolidation occurs during sleep, and having too little can impair cognitive performance at the very time students are being stretched academically.

"Most people have the odd notion that just because they're a human being, they are born to be capable of sleeping well," says Shapiro, but that's not always the case.

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More soldiers from Canadian Forces Base Gagetown will be deploying to Afghanistan early next year. About 100 personnel from India Company, part of The Second Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment (2RCR), will be leaving for the troubled region in late March or early April. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Liberals, Tories in dead heat: Poll

A new poll suggests Stephen Harper's Conservative government and the Liberals remain locked in a dead heat amid rumblings of a possible fall election. The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey put the parties in a statistical tie, with 32 per cent support for the Liberals and 31 per cent for the Tories. The NDP were at 16 per cent, the Greens at 11 and the Bloc Québécois at nine. The numbers have barely budged throughout the summer, a period in which voters are typically disengaged. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Moms react to suspect's death

RCMP focus on woman who dropped Ryan Jenkins off at motel

As Canadian police focused their investigation on a mystery woman who reportedly drove former reality show actor Ryan Jenkins to the motel room where he killed himself, his mother and the mother of the ex-wife he is accused of slaying began confronting their grief.

"Not in a million years," a weeping Nada Jenkins said in a brief telephone interview.

"He was good, he's kind and we need to clear his name."

Jenkins, 32, a Calgary native, had been facing first-degree murder charges in California after Jasmine Fiore's mutilated body was found in a dumpster in Los Angeles.

It's believed he snuck into Canada at Point Roberts, Wash., and checked into a motel in Hope, B.C., east of Vancouver, on Thursday.

The manhunt ended when motel staff opened Jenkins' room Sunday to find him hanging from a coat rack.

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Police officials respond to the scene where murder suspect Ryan Jenkins was found dead in a motel on Sunday in Hope, B.C.

Fiore's mother, Lisa Lepore, said she still has a long way to reach peace, but Jenkins' death is a step along that path.

But the story is far from over, as the RCMP said they had identified the woman who dropped Jenkins off at the Thunderbird Motel, but said little else about who she is or how exactly she fits into the case.

The motel manager has said Jenkins was dropped off by a young woman driving a car with Alberta licence plates.

Sgt. Duncan Pound wouldn't say if investigators had spoken to the woman — who they believed knew Jenkins — or whether she was in custody.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Financial fraud victims band together in new organization

RIGHTS A new national organization that will advocate for Canadian victims of white-collar crime is set to rise from the ashes of thousands of small fortunes lost to fraudsters in recent years.

The group is being launched by children of the alleged victims of accused pyramid scammer Earl Jones, one of several suspected Ponzi schemes to make headlines in North America this year.

The organization is inspired by similar victims' rights groups founded in the wake of the financial scandal involving Bernie Madoff in the U.S.

It will lobby governments for tougher penalties, push for one national stock-market regulator, provide emotional support and raise money for a victims' fund.

The still-unnamed group will have its coming-out party next month in Ottawa, in a march on Parliament Hill.

"We looked for relief and there is nothing ... that advocates specifically for white-collar crime."
Joey Davis, advocate

Joey Davis, who will lead the group, said there's a void in the country when it comes to helping the victims of financial fraudsters.

"We looked for relief and there is nothing, no organization in Quebec or in Canada that advocates specifically for white-collar crime," said Davis, who saw his mother's savings wiped out in the Jones affair.

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Air Canada pilots get new union president
Air Canada's pilots have elected Toronto-based Paul Strachan as the new president of their union. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thrill-seeking concerns

Nova Scotia government officials will discuss ways to keep thrill-seekers from venturing perilously close to the coastline during storms, the province's minister responsible for emergency management said yesterday, one day after hurricane Bill hit Atlantic Canada.

TIM KROCHAK/THE CANADIAN PRESS
People watch Sunday as high water breaches a rock wall at Lawrencetown, N.S., when hurricane Bill hit Atlantic Canada.

Ramona Jennex could not say whether measures might include fines for people who get too close to unpredictable shorelines despite repeated warnings, but she said something would have to be done.

Sunday provided a perfect example when a teenage boy walking along the rocks at Peggy's Cove, N.S., almost drowned after being knocked down by a wave. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Virus has proven to be 'incredibly consistent'

Flu Outbreak

H1N1 With winter now on the wane south of the equator, experts are sifting through the experiences of temperate countries looking for signs of what influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, might have in store for the fall and winter of 2009-10 in countries across the Northern Hemisphere.

There are few givens with notoriously unpredictable flu viruses. Still, experts say, so far this virus has carved a path and hewed closely to it.

"By and large it's been incredibly consistent across countries," says Sonja Olsen, an epidemiologist who works for U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Influenza experts at the World Health Organization are focusing on the experiences of the temperate countries — New Zealand, Argentina, Australia, Chile and South Africa — to assess the pandemic virus' behaviour in its first true winter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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P.E.I. minister suffers heart attack
Prince Edward Island Agriculture Minister George Webster has suffered a mild heart attack. It occurred Sunday morning. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leading ad initiatives

Montreal sells itself as proving ground for new advertising

Montreal's advertising industry is poised to launch an international effort that could shape how the next generation of consumers gets courted.

A consortium of advertisers will set out on trade missions to encourage companies to use Montreal as a multilingual, multiethnic petri dish for companies seeking a cheap way to test campaigns destined for the U.S. and, eventually, Europe.

The Association of Quebec Advertising Agencies will market the project at the prestigious New York Advertising Week trade show next month.

Sebastien Faure, the association's chairman, says Montreal is an ideal testing ground because its different language influences have produced advertising styles considered groundbreaking. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Graphic content

- The province's workplace safety board also produces shockingly graphic ads warning against negligence on a job site.

Foxboro **Catching a fire**

JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A firefighter sprays water into a building during a fire at a commercial property in Foxboro, Ont., north of Belleville yesterday. Firefighters from as far as Trenton responded, with the fire's glow and smoke visible from several kilometres, even before sunrise.

Calls for women's task force growing

CRIME A growing chorus of voices is calling for a provincial task force into missing aboriginal women in Manitoba after another young woman's body was discovered on the outskirts of Winnipeg.

Police are treating 18-year-old Hillary Angel Wilson's death as a homicide but have said little else since her body was found last Thursday. Her death comes one month after her 17-year-old friend, Cherisse Houle, was found dead in a creek near Winnipeg. The deaths have left friends uneasy and have many calling for a task force to examine why so many aboriginal women are going missing or are being found murdered.

"It's been two months and I don't even know what happened," said a relative of Houle's who did not want her name used.

"How many more young girls have to go missing and/or murdered for the government or the police to give a s___. They think because they found the bodies and we got to bury them, that's good enough?"

"We need to get together and demand answers, demand that they do something more than they are doing."
Relative of murder victim Cherisse Houle

Not a day goes by where Houle's loved ones don't wonder what happened, she said.

"How can someone that young be found dead in a stream and nobody can tell us how she got there or how she ending up dead?" she said. "We need to get together and demand answers, demand they do something more than what they are doing."

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Day pushes for 'Buy American' waiver

POLITICS Asking to be exempt from the "Buy American" provision in U.S. federal stimulus bill is just the first step to more cross-border business, says International Trade Minister Stockwell Day.

Day

Day sent a letter last Thursday to U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk offering "time-limited" guaranteed access to purchases by provincial and territorial governments and major municipalities in exchange for a speedy waiver of 'Buy American' provisions.

Day said he and Kirk have agreed to meet soon.

Observers say the waiver is a step in the right direction. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Xinjiang rioters to go on trial
More than 200 people are expected to go on trial this week for their involvement in riots last month that killed nearly 200 people in China's Xinjiang region. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Scotland feeling heat

Justice minister heavily criticized for releasing bomber

Scotland's justice minister yesterday doggedly defended his much-criticized decision to free the Lockerbie bomber but said Libya had broken a promise by giving the convicted terrorist a hero's welcome.

Britain, meanwhile, scrapped a trade visit to Libya by Prince Andrew amid controversy over the release of convicted bomber Abdel Baset al-Megrahi and Scottish lawmakers came back from summer vacation a week early to debate the issue.

Scottish Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill said the warm homecoming welcome for al-Megrahi breached assurances from Libyan authorities that "any return would be dealt with in a low-key and sensitive fashion."

"This was my decision and my decision alone. I stand by it and I live with the consequences."
Scottish justice minister Kenny MacAskill

"It is a matter of great regret that Mr. Megrahi was received in such an inappropriate manner," MacAskill told the Scottish parliament.

"It showed no compassion or sensitivity to the families of the 270 victims of Lockerbie."

The Scottish administration has faced unrelenting criticism from the both the U.S. government and the families of American victims of the 1988 airline bombing since it announced last week it was freeing al-Megrahi on compassionate grounds.

The terminally ill al-Megrahi, who has prostate cancer, returned to his native Libya on Thursday, where he was greeted by crowds waving Libyan and Scottish flags.

The decision has prompted calls for a trade boycott of Scotland and widespread criticism of the nationalist government in Edinburgh.

In an emotional debate yesterday, MacAskill said his decision "was not based on political, economic or diplomatic considerations."

"This was my decision and my decision alone," he said. "I stand by it and I live with the consequences."

Some lawmakers have called for MacAskill to resign over his decision. No vote was taken during yesterday's session, but some Scottish politicians say they will seek a confidence vote on MacAskill when the parliament begins its fall session next week.

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270
People killed, including two Canadians, in the Pan Am 103/Lockerbie bombing.

Crews fighting to contain Greek fires

WILDFIRES A Greek monastery clanged its bells in warning yesterday as an out-of-control wildfire raced down a mountainside, elderly nuns were evacuated from its threatened convent and the remains of Saint Ephrem were removed to a safer location.

At the Saint Ephrem Monastery north of Athens, buildings were silhouetted against a red sky lit up by the glow of nearby wildfires. Workers shovelled sand and sprayed areas with limp garden hoses in apparently fruitless attempts to battle the inferno.

"The flames were 30 metres high," said one of the dozen nuns evacuated, wearing a black habit and a surgical mask to ward off the smoke and grit. "Thankfully they came and rescued us."

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A man walks by a burning house in Dioni, east of Athens.

For the fourth straight day, exhausted Greek firefighters battled around the clock to try and contain massive blazes. To their relief, more water-dropping planes and firefighting help arrived from other European nations.

Crews tried hard yesterday to push the fires back from the outskirts of the Greek capital, with 17 water-dropping planes and helicopters swooping over flames near populated areas. They were joined by up to 2,000 firefighters, military personnel and volunteers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

CHINA Health and environmental officials have been sent to investigate who is responsible for pollution from a processing plant that caused more than 1,300 children to become sickened with lead poisoning, a local government official said yesterday. The poisoning near the Wugang Manganese Smelting Plant in Hunan province was the second such case involving a large number of children in the last month.

CUBA Cuban state television has broadcast what it called recent footage of former president Fidel Castro, looking healthier and rested. The 83-year-old Castro has rarely been on TV since falling ill three years ago. He ceded power to his brother Raul and has not been seen in public since. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bill downgraded
Bill is no longer a hurricane and forecasters say it's lost the characteristics of a tropical cyclone as it moves away from the Canadian coast in the Atlantic. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Discovery cleared for launch today

LIFTOFF NASA has cleared space shuttle Discovery for liftoff today, and the weather looks promising as long as thunderstorms stay away during fueling. After meeting Sunday afternoon, managers decided Discovery is in good shape to fly to the international space station.
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Woman spared caning – for now

The first woman in Muslim-majority Malaysia to face caning for drinking beer was reprieved yesterday because of the holy month of Ramadan.

Islamic officials had taken Kartika Sari Dewi Shukarno, a 32-year-old mother of two, into custody and were driving her to a women's prison for the caning when they abruptly turned around and sent her back to her family home in northern Malaysia.

"She feels like a football being kicked around," Kartika's father, Shukarno Abdul Muttalib, told The Associated Press. "She's so exhausted and unhappy with the delay. She would prefer to just receive the six strokes and have everything finished."

Beer, wine and liquor is widely available at shops, bars and restaurants in Malaysia, unlike in more austere Islamic nations such as Iran and Pakistan.

Christians, Hindus, Sikhs and other minorities in Malaysia are free to consume alcohol but its Shariah law forbids Muslims — who make up 60 per cent of the 27 million population — from drinking, although a minority of Muslims still indulge despite the religious stricture.

Islamic morality police arrested Kartika in a raid for drinking beer at a hotel lounge at a beach resort in December 2007. Kartika was sentenced to six lashes of a rattan cane by the Shariah court last month in what was considered a warning to other Muslims to abide by religious rules.

Islamic law provides for a three-year prison term and caning for Muslims caught drinking. Most previous offenders were fined and no woman has ever been caned. The morality police are not a pervasive force in Malaysia, and most citizens were surprised at the verdict against Kartika.

Mohamad Sahfri Abdul Aziz, a state legislator in charge of religious affairs, said the Attorney General's office advised that Kartika's caning should be delayed for compassionate reasons until after the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, which began Saturday.

"The sentence is not being cancelled," Mohamad Sahfri said, without specifying exactly when it would be carried out.
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Kartika Sari Dewi Shukarno, 32, is taken away by Islamic religious officers at her father's home yesterday.

Pakistan seizes Taliban rebels

ARRESTS Pakistani authorities arrested a major recruiter of suicide bombers and seized explosives and heroin in separate raids that prevented several terrorist attacks in the country's south and east, police said yesterday.

Police arrested six suspected Taliban militants in two raids in the eastern city of Sargodha, foiling plots to attack politicians and places of worship, the city's police chief said.

In Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, police arrested seven members of another al-Qaida-linked group and seized suicide vests, explosives and heroin. Among the six arrested in Sargodha was Zaid Mustafa, who police said recruited potential suicide bombers for training in Afghanistan.
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Firefighters killed as floor collapses inside burning store

Officials in Buffalo, N.Y., say two firefighters died when the first floor of a burning convenience store collapsed into the basement. There were unconfirmed reports a third person was also in the basement of the two-storey building. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Commuters suffer 30 C temperatures on London subway's Central Line train — one of the warmest spots on the underground.

Hot spots on London's Tube

It can get hot on the Tube. Now a map of the warmest spots of London's subway system, released yesterday, reveals what commuters already know.

The world's oldest subway system is not air conditioned, and commuters crammed into cars often gasp for air each time the doors open to let even more passengers on board.

The new heat map, published by The Times of London, shows measures for the temperatures in each of the 11 Tube line's tunnels can get as hot as 30 C — the maximum temperature for transporting cattle to slaughter houses, according to the U.K.'s Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Transport for London said the map has long been used by engineers responsible for keeping the London Underground bearable for commuters with fans.

London Mayor Boris Johnson said the first air-conditioned trains should be running next year on the Metropolitan Line. By 2015, air conditioning is expected on four lines, or less than half of the system. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. probes CIA's terror practices

POLICY CIA interrogators threatened to kill the children of one detainee at the height of the Bush administration's war on terror and implied that another's mother would be sexually assaulted, newly declassified documents revealed yesterday as the U.S. government launched a criminal investigation into the spy agency's "unauthorized, improvised, inhumane" practices.

Papers

- The five-year-old documents released by the CIA's inspector general said interrogators went too far — even beyond what was authorized then.

At the same time, the Obama administration announced a new policy for future interrogations — under White House supervision. The administration said all U.S. interrogators will follow the rules for detainees laid out by the Army Field Manual, aiming to end years of fierce debate over how rough U.S. personnel can get with terror suspects in custody.

Formation of the new interrogation unit does not mean the CIA is out of the business of questioning terror suspects, deputy White House press secretary Bill Burton told reporters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

IRAQ Bombs attached to two minibuses exploded southeast of Baghdad, killing at least 11 people, an Iraqi police official said yesterday. The official said 11 people were also wounded in the bombings in the primarily Shiite city of Kut. A hospital official confirmed the casualties. The bombings are the latest in a series of attacks in Iraq that have killed hundreds in recent weeks, raising fears about the abilities of Iraq's security forces to protect Iraqis. The official said the first bomb exploded at about 1 p.m., killing nine. He said a short time later a second bomb exploded, killing two. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Iggy needs a makeover

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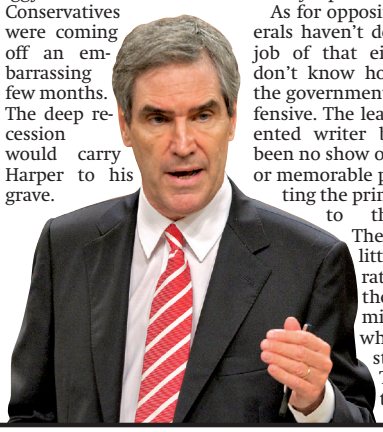
It's official. The Liberal party strategy is a dud. A new Ipsos Reid poll — Conservatives 39, Liberals 28 — is the latest signal. While no one should read too much into one opinion sampling, the downward trend has been apparent for months. Michael Ignatieff's Liberals are backpedalling toward the lows of Stéphane Dion — and they shouldn't be surprised.

What else can be expected when you put out no new policies, no new vision, a leader who appears indecisive, and no sustained attack strategy on Stephen Harper?

The operation needs an overhaul and it needs it now. Iggy has been too beholden to a handful of advisers who brought him into politics. That's what happened to Paul Martin. The former prime minister placed too much power in the hands of a few close political friends.

The plan after Ignatieff took over the leadership last December was to play it safe. Canadians would be happy to see Dion gone. They would be excited by Iggy's fresh intellect. The Conservatives were coming off an embarrassing few months. The deep recession would carry Harper to his grave.



But the recession was short-lived and Iggy showed up with an empty bucket. His advisers kept him in low gear. Opposition leaders should only oppose, they told him. That might work for some, but not in Ignatieff's case. He was a world-renowned intellectual. He was expected to have new and captivating ideas for a public that was fed up with old-style politics.

As for opposing, the Liberals haven't done a good job of that either. They don't know how to keep the government on the defensive. The leader is a talented writer but there's been no show of rapier wit or memorable phrases cutting the prime minister to the quick. There's been little to separate him in the public mind from what Harper stands for. The notion that the Liberals could somehow capture the public imagination with an issue like employment insurance reform was cockeyed.

Iggy's office, which has done a good job on party financing and organization, says the national media hasn't been covering him this summer. The reason he hasn't been covered is he has had nothing really striking to say. Had he gone to Washington to see his Liberal soulmate, Barack Obama, that would have made for big headlines. He hasn't done it.

The latest brutal poll might actually do the Liberals some good. It might be the one that convinces them to change course. Dissenters close to the leader's shop will now have the ammunition to demand a change of strategy. They must do so. Otherwise Iggy risks becoming Icarus.

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Views

Time to find homes for Canada's waiting kids

Laura Eggertson

At 17-and-a-half, "Adam" was about to age out of the foster care system in Ohio, with nowhere to go when he turned 18. That's when a dedicated group of social workers at Northeast Ohio Adoption Services decided it was long past time the teenager found a permanent home.

Adam — a "quirky" kid — had never quite fit into any of his foster homes. He'd spent 14 years in care. Like many of the 500,000 kids in the U.S. child welfare system, and the 100,000 or so children in care of our provinces, he faced a life without family or financial supports once the system deemed him an adult.

Unless someone stepped up to adopt Adam or become his legal guardian, he would be on his own the minute his 18th birthday rolled around.

"They were really truly going to have to drive him to the homeless shelter," says Cheryl Tarantino, a worker at the Ohio agency.

Fortunately for Adam, Ohio, like a growing number of U.S. states, is taking an aggressive approach to finding permanent homes for older children and teens in its care.

Labelled "extreme recruitment," these innovative approaches pay off. They are finding homes for the children and young people many states, provinces, and child welfare workers previously considered "unadoptable."

In Adam's case, the Ohio county caring for him entered into a public/private partnership with the organization where Tarantino works to do what it couldn't: Find Adam a family.

Using Facebook and a model called "family finding," pioneered by youth permanency expert Kevin Campbell, the Northeast Ohio Adoption Services agency tracked down Adam's birth mother. Then they convened 44 biological family members.

On his 18th birthday, instead of a homeless shelter, Adam moved in with an aunt who became his legal guardian.

It's a process more Canadian provinces and children's aid societies need to explore. We need adoptive and other permanent homes for all of our kids in care — and we need to do whatever it takes to find those homes.

New Brunswick, Alberta and British Columbia are getting serious about finding homes for the older children and teenagers in their care. It's time the rest of the provinces and territories make this a priority, too, and learn from our neighbours to the south.

The teenagers in our child welfare system shouldn't have to leave it without a home to visit on the holidays, and the love, support and helping hands of a family of their own.

Laura Eggertson is an award-winning freelance journalist based in Ottawa, and a former Nieman fellow at Harvard University.

Worth mentioning

Too many tasks may affect thinking: Study

People who zip between iPods, emails, texting, Twitter and cellphone conversations may be slower than their less-electrified counterparts in one important area: Their thinking.

In particular, modern-day multi-taskers who bristle with electronic gadgetry are significantly poorer at filtering out the irrelevant information coming at them and organizing the useful data they do take in, a new Stanford University study of 262 university students suggests.

And ironically, says study co-author Clifford Nass, people who perpetually flit between multiple electronic and print media are slower at switching from task to task — or multi-tasking — than the more plodding among us.

"If you take the cognitive skills one would need to be a multi-tasker, they're worse at all of them," says Nass, a social psychologist at the California school.

"The differences are very, very large and significant ... the differences in the way their brains work are clear."

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Trelawney buying gold property in Ontario

Trelawney Mining and Exploration Inc. has struck a deal with Metallum Resources Inc. to acquire a 92.5 per cent stake in the Young-Shannon gold property in northern Ontario for five million Trelawney shares, worth about $1.3 million at yesterday's stock price. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Europe, Asia recovering, data indicate

Economic data gave more evidence yesterday that Europe and Asia are on the mend.

Figures from the European Union statistics office Eurostat showed that industrial orders in the 16 countries that use the euro rose 3.1 per cent in June from the quarter before, suggesting the manufacturing sector could be emerging from recession.

New orders — a key gauge of industry's future growth — rose in both France and Germany, as well as Ireland, which has been among the hardest hit by the global economic crisis. The figure was almost twice as strong as the 1.6 per cent monthly increase that analysts were expecting.

$586B Beijing is in the midst of a two-year, $586-billion US effort to boost domestic consumption by pumping money into the economy through higher spending on building highways and other public works.

The euro-zone pickup was the latest in a run of surveys showing a marked improvement in the euro zone economy. Most eye-catching was the surprising news that the recessions in Germany and France, the euro zone's two largest economies, ended in the second quarter, while the euro zone as a whole shrank by only 0.1 per cent.

In Asia, Thailand's economy emerged from recession in the second quarter as manufacturing grew and the government boosted spending.

But Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao cautioned against being "blindly optimistic" as the economy, he said, "still faces many new difficulties and problems."

The warning clashed with increasing optimism by analysts who say China is making dramatic progress in emerging from its slump. Economic growth accelerated to 7.9 per cent in the latest quarter, up from the previous quarter's 6.1 per cent.

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Oilpatch players announce takeovers

ENERGY Two Calgary-based oil and gas producers made significant acquisitions yesterday in moves to diversify away from natural gas and expand into a promising new energy field in western Saskatchewan.

Crescent Point Energy Corp., one of the dominant players in Saskatchewan's oil scene, said it is buying privately held Wave Energy Ltd. in an all-stock deal worth $665.3 million, as well as other oil assets in the Prairie province.

Access

- The Wave takeover gets Crescent Point further access to the promising Lower Shaunavon resource play in southwestern Saskatchewan.
- Like the Bakken oil formation, the Lower Shaunavon requires advanced drilling and fracturing techniques.

Also yesterday, Daylight Resources Trust said it is acquiring Highpine Oil & Gas Ltd. in a deal worth $530 million, tilting its portfolio away from natural gas and toward more lucrative oil developments.

The deals reflect a growing consolidation trend in the Canadian oilpatch as energy trusts get bigger to prepare for the end of tax breaks for trusts that go into effect in 2011. In addition, companies are seeking to boost oil and gas reserves at attractive prices in the current low natural gas price environment to cash in when prices eventually rise.

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Japan Airline mulls job cuts

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Japan Airlines Corp., which is in the midst of major restructuring, is considering slashing 5,000 jobs — about 10 per cent of the work force — in three years, a news report said yesterday.

Financials retreat ahead of bank earnings reports

MARKETS The Toronto stock market closed lower yesterday as financial stocks turned negative a day before the big banks start reporting quarterly earnings while energy stocks were flat even as oil prices continued to climb.

"I don't think there should be any expectation of stellar earnings ..." Michael Smedley, Morgan, Meighen and Associates

The financial sector ended the session 0.7 per cent lower a day before Bank of Montreal kicks off earnings.

"I don't think there should be any expectation of stellar earnings (from the sector) and we are in any case warned that the payout of dividends are pretty well maxed out, so you shouldn't be expecting dividend increases," said Michael Smedley, portfolio manager at Morgan, Meighen and Associates.

Bank of Montreal closed down $1.85 at $49.01.

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Biovail gets Parkinson's drug rights

DEAL A subsidiary of Biovail Corp. has signed a multimillion-dollar deal with Santhera Pharmaceuticals (Switzerland) Ltd. for the U.S. and Canadian rights to develop and sell a new drug to treat Parkinson's disease, Biovail announced yesterday.

The Toronto-area pharmaceutical company said the deal between Biovail Laboratories International SRL and Santhera governs the rights to JP-1730/fipamezole.

Biovail described the drug as a first-in-class compound that, in a recent Phase 2b study, displayed the potential to reduce levodopa-induced dyskinesia, the involuntary movements associated with Parkinson's disease.

Initiation of the first Phase 3 study in the United States is scheduled for 2011. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sqi Diagnostics reports $1.4M loss

EARNINGS Medical systems company Sqi Diagnostics Inc. said yesterday losses remained relatively flat during the third quarter as the company worked towards obtaining approval to sell its key products south of the border.

The Toronto-based firm reported a net loss of $1.4 million or five cents per share for the quarter, slightly widening a year-earlier loss of $1.3 million.

Sqi did not generate revenue in the quarter.

The company said it is still in talks with the U.S. Food and Drug administration seeking permission to market some of its automation technology in the U.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Manufacturing sector making progress
Industrial orders in the 16-nation euro zone rose 3.1 per cent in June from the quarter before, official data showed yesterday, suggesting the manufacturing sector could be emerging from recession. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Cash for Clunkers program ends

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A customer in Florida checks out a minivan offered under the U.S. Cash for Clunkers program, which ended yesterday. The program, which offered up to $4,500 US off a new, more fuel-efficient vehicle, proved more popular than expected. Dealers sold 625,000 vehicles in a month with the rebates.

Ford shows versatility

Company succeeds at U.S. government program

The tally of vehicles bought and traded under the U.S. government's "cash for clunkers program" underscores the adaptability of Ford Motor Co., the only Detroit Three carmaker to survive without billions of dollars of government aid.

Two Ford products — the Focus sedan and the Escape SUV — made the Asian-dominated Top 10 list of vehicles purchased under the program, which until yesterday offered consumers up to $4,500 US to trade in old cars for new fuel-efficient models.

Power moves

- Current president and CEO Alan Mulally took the helm at Ford in 2006. Almost immediately, Mulally mortgaged Ford's assets to the hilt for more than $20 billion US, a decision that provided an important buffer against the effects of the recession.

Meanwhile, five Ford products — the two- and four-wheel-drive Explorer SUVs, the two- and four-wheel-drive F-150 pickup trucks, and the Windstar minivan — made the Top 10 list of vehicles traded in under the program.

Industry experts say Ford's product mix and marketing have set the company apart.

Ford managed to avoid the bad publicity that hounded its Detroit peers, General Motors and Chrysler, for months as they pleaded for billions of dollars in taxpayer bailouts in both Canada and the U.S. and eventually filed for bankruptcy protection south of the border.

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GM exec to visit Berlin as Opel's future still undecided

AUTO The German government anticipates a visit this week from a General Motors Co. executive as Berlin pushes for a quick decision on the European Opel unit's future, an official said yesterday.

The government hopes the executive will meet with Germany's "Opel task force" of federal and state officials, government spokesman Ulrich Wilhelm said. He did not identify the manager or give more precise timing.

GM's board on Friday made no decision between bids for a majority in Opel from a consortium led by Canada's Magna International Inc. and Brussels-based investor RHJ International SA. It was unclear when it might decide.

While the decision on Ruesselsheim, Germany-based Opel's buyer lies principally with GM, the government in Berlin is a player because it is offering financial help to make a deal possible.

Meanwhile, a report yesterday said General Motors advisers have recommended GM consider cancelling the sale of the unit and keeping control of it by seeking funding from other European governments.

Berlin's strong preference for the Magna-led group, which also includes Russian lender Sberbank, is causing friction with Detroit. GM has indicated that it would prefer RHJ because the Magna-Sberbank bid raises the possibility of patents and other intellectual property falling into competitors' hands.

> **"It is important that we do not have confrontations here."**
> Ulrich Wilhelm, German government spokesman

Wilhelm said there was contact at "working level" over the weekend between the German chancellery and the White House, and between the chancellery and GM. The automaker is now 60.8 per cent owned by the U.S. government.

"It is important that we do not have confrontations here," Wilhelm told a regular government news conference.

"This issue can be resolved not through confrontation, but only together."

He dismissed suggestions that the issue was becoming a problem for U.S.-German relations.

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Business in brief

AIRCRAFT Bombardier has received the composite material centre fuselage section for its new CSeries aircraft from China for testing. The aluminum-lithium barrel measuring seven metres long with a diameter of 3.7 metres arrived at the manufacturer's Montreal plant following a two-month journey from Shenyang Aircraft Corporation, a unit of China Aviation Industry.

SHARES Television broadcast technology maker Miranda Technologies Inc. said yesterday it will repurchase up to eight per cent of its issued and outstanding shares through a normal course issuer bid. The Toronto-based company said the buyback of up to 1,799,662 shares will begin on Wednesday and will take place over the following year.

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Johnson Waste Management has won a multimillion-dollar court judgment against BFI Canada Inc. in a legal battle going back eight years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ericsson licenses patent

Company reaches non-exclusive agreement with Nortel

Swedish telecom giant Ericsson said yesterday it is licensing Nortel's patents for advanced LTE cellphone network technology, a prized body of intellectual property that was not included in its purchase last month of Nortel's wireless assets.

Ericsson Canada CEO Mark Henderson said Ericsson has reached a non-exclusive licensing agreement with Nortel for the duration of the patents.

"Nortel retains ownership of those patents," Henderson said in an interview.

"They are capable of licensing them to any other company should they choose to do so, or sell them to any other company," including BlackBerry maker Research In Motion, a losing bidder in the $1.13-billion US auction that saw Ericsson scoop up the Nortel assets.

"Because it's non-exclusive, (RIM) can certainly get those licences."
Mark Henderson, Ericsson Canada CEO

"I think RIM has the opportunity to do that," Henderson said. "Because it's non-exclusive, they can certainly get those licences."

The patents weren't part of the Nortel acquisition and Henderson said Ericsson isn't sub licensing them.

LTE, or "long-term evolution," technology is expected to deliver the equivalent of a high-speed home Internet experience on a mobile phone.

RIM issued a statement last week saying the Ericsson transaction must be reviewed "to ensure that Canada's national interests are met."

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Cancer drug results boost stock

PharmaGap Inc., a small Toronto-based drug developer, says initial testing of its lead cancer drug GAP-107B8 by the U.S. National Cancer Institute shows promising results and significant inhibition of cancer cell growth at a low drug concentration across a wide range of human cancer cells.

PharmaGap said the test demonstrated greater than 50 per cent inhibition in cancer cell growth in 26 of 57 cell lines.

When trading resumed yesterday, shares rose to 37.5 cents, a gain of 2.7 per cent, on the junior venture market.

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Business in brief

INVESTING Goldman Sachs is providing some of its biggest clients stock tips that come out of regular meetings held by analysts and traders at the investment bank, according to a Wall Street Journal report. Critics claim providing the early info to only certain clients hurts customers who aren't given the opportunity to trade on the ideas that come out of the meetings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Stress-free back-to-school

Hand supply shopping over to the kids — with a few key guidelines

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Most of us parents would be lying if we didn't admit to a tiny thrill of delight when the ringing of the autumn school bell draws near. But getting Jenn and Josh togged up and laden with all the gear can turn the dog days of August into something akin to holiday shopping on Dec. 24.

If you'd rather have a root canal than hit the mall with the hordes, turn the job over to the kids. It starts with a list of needs and wants, proceeds to a spending limit and ends, eventually, with "shoo, shoo" at the entrance to the mall.

Youngsters, obviously, will need supervision at all stages. But by working with a five-year-old now you are setting the stage for stress free back to schooling as they approach the preteen years.

My husband used to take our daughter clothes shopping by grabbing a coffee and a seat outside a mall store after turning her, list in hand, to a salesperson. Happiness all round.

Taking a page out of his parental survival playbook, divide the list into clothes, school supplies and 'Please, Mom\Dad!' The younger ones usually love this process especially if you send them on a treasure hunt through the house to uncover what items from last season can be re-used, from protractor sets to shoes. If your kids really get into it they can trade among their friends.

Alison's Money Rule:

- Three steps to eliminating back to school shopping stress – make a list, set a limit and let'em at it.

The bribe here is this; the more you recycle, reuse and make-do the more you will have to spend on that awesome (fill in the blank).

Next, set a spending limit and dole out the cash. Try not to make decisions for them. As years go by you will shift from in-store accompaniment, to lounging by the door, to dropping them off, to letting them drive, cycle or bus to the mall themselves.

Mistakes will be made but you will be doing your kids and yourself a big favour by handing over the back-to-school shopping chores.

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Costs of school go beyond tuition

RICHARD WOODBURY
for Metro Canada

Avoid going broke this school year by planning ahead and sticking to a budget, experts say. If you're unsure how to do this, your school's financial aid office can help.

Having a budget and sticking to it is crucial for not running into financial trouble at university.

"If the kids want to make it through their year and through their program, I would say that's No. 1," says Frances Cody, the housing and financial aid manager at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax.

Students must also distinguish between needs and wants when putting together a budget, says Dr. Laura Stanbra, the director of financial aid and awards at Concordia University in Montreal.

It's important to think about more than tuition and books, and think about other costs such as transportation, rent, food and clothing.

"They can add up pretty quickly," says Stanbra.

Part of the challenge of managing one's finances in university is it's often the first time students have had to do it. The good news is if students need some guidance, most universities offer free counselling to help them straighten out their finances and perhaps provide some financial aid.

"We're here to help them figure out how to save money and how to access other sources of funding," says Claudia Barrett, the associate director of student awards and financial aid at the University of Calgary.

When students do encounter financial difficulties, the key is to be open about it, says Dr. Eric Kirzner, a professor in the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto. He says all kinds of people face financial struggles, so there isn't any reason to feel ashamed about running into financial difficulties

"This is not the time to be shy," he says. "This is not the time to let a small problem escalate into a big problem."

"This is not the time to be shy. This is not the time to let a small problem escalate into a big problem." Dr. Eric Kirzner

Kirzner recommends budgeting on a monthly basis. A weekly budget is too tight and two months is too long. He recommends stretching and being frugal early on, so it leaves a little cushion to splurge later. This breathing room can be crucial if unexpected expenses pop up down the road.

"Most students live rather modestly," says Stanbra. "When you have a budget and there's very little wiggle room, one unexpected expense can really mean the difference between making and breaking that monthly budget."

Barrett says some other tips for saving money are to take a close look at banking expenses and know what your plan includes and excludes.

When making purchases, pay by cash whenever possible. If you have to use a credit card, be sure to pay the monthly balance in full and on time. This way you won't have to pay interest charges and you'll help generate a positive credit rating. Pay attention to the interest rate as well.

Cody advises students who are staying off-campus to look for eight-month leases, rather than leases for one year.

"A lot of students get stuck trying to find subletters for the summer months," she cautions.

Cody also recommends using the web to find scholarships on sites such as studentawards.com.

She also recommends checking with local community and civic groups about potential scholarships.

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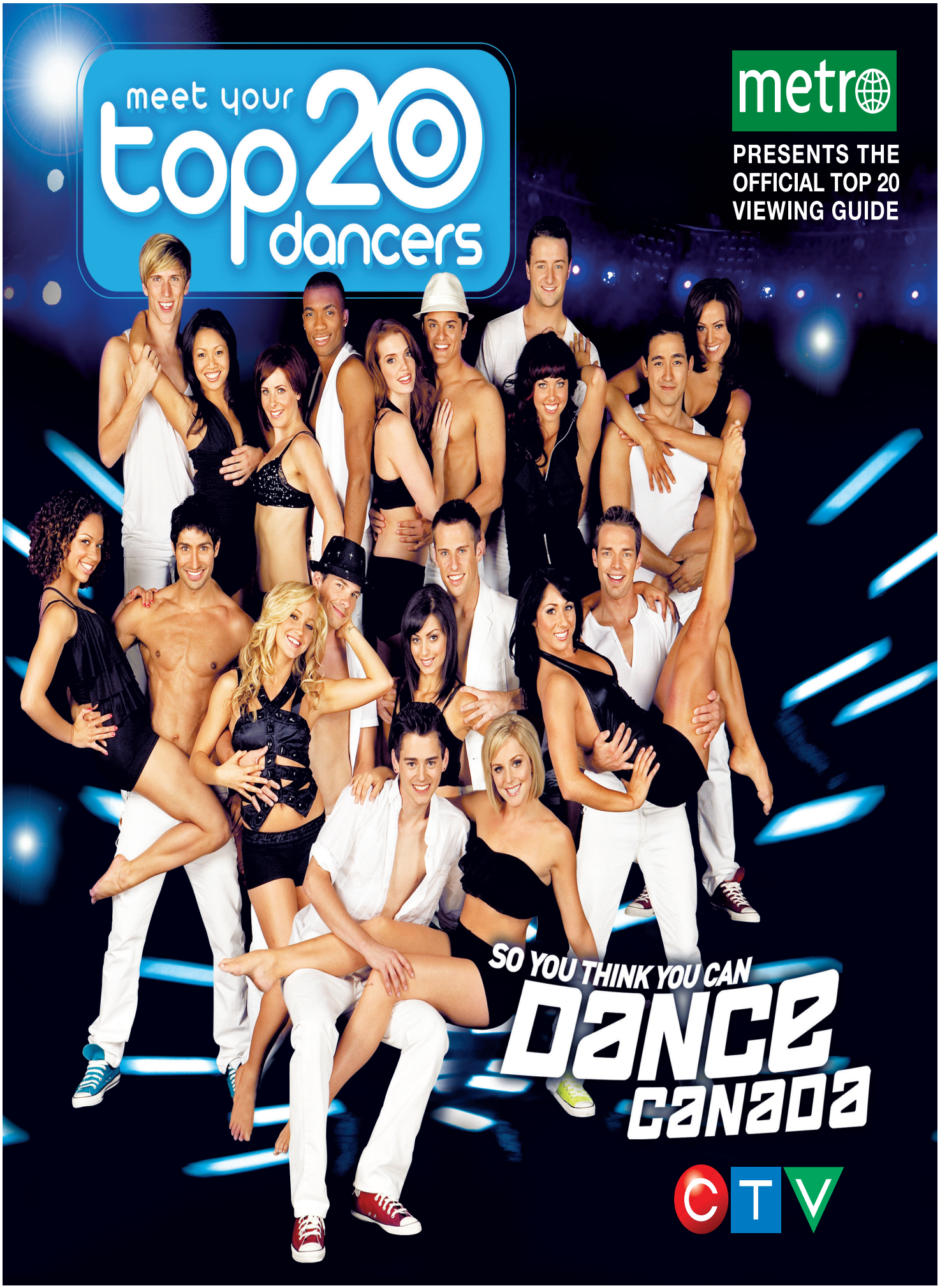
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Amy Gardner, 21
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Edmonton, AB
classical
contemporary

Jayme Rae Dailey, 21
Montreal, QC
contemporary

Jenna Lynn Higgins, 18
Toronto, ON
jazz/lyrical

Kim Gingras, 23
Montreal, QC
hip-hop

Melanie Buttarazzi, 22
Woodbridge, ON
latin ballroom

Melanie Mah, 19
Richmond Hill, ON
contemporary

Natalie Lyons, 23
Halifax, NS
hip-hop/krump

Tara-Jean Popowich, 20
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Cody Bonnell, 19
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Montreal, QC
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Danny Lawn, 21
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Emanuel Sandhu, 28
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contemporary
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the road to the top 20

Get ready to 'flip' out Canada. **SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE CANADA**, the No. 1 new show of 2008* is back, and you won't believe what's about to hit the stage. Season 2 is jam-packed with talent from across Canada looking to follow in the footsteps of Canada's Favourite Dancer, Nico Archambault.

Since winning the title, Archambault was cast as ballet great Rudolph Nureyev, performed in the nation's capital for Canada Day and is currently on a cross-Canada tour, performing the raw, emotional choreography Canadians fell in love with.

Archambault's fellow Top 20 dancers are also making their mark on the international dance stage. From touring Europe and auditioning for the late Michael Jackson, to performing at the Calgary Stampede and starring in multiple feature films.

Not to be outdone, this year's audition tour kicked off in Toronto then criss-crossed the nation, wowing the judges from Vancouver, to Saint John, N.B., and ending off in Montreal and Edmonton.

From 26 consecutive pirouettes and 'bucc' krumping to countless flips across the stage, Season 2's dancers are as powerful and passionate as ever.

The top dancers from each of the five cities traded in their Boarding Passes for flights to Toronto where the best of the best faced off at Finals Week.

After an incredible journey thus far, the judges have finally chosen their Top 20 for SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE CANADA season 2! Over the next few weeks, the Top 20 Dancers will compete for your votes.

Only you can decide who will become Canada's Favourite Dancer.

Get ready to vote, Canada!

2009 broadcast schedule**

Tuesday, August 25	Top 20
Wednesday, August 26	Results
Tuesday, September 01	Top 18
Wednesday, September 02	Results
Tuesday, September 08	Top 16
Wednesday, September 09	Results
Tuesday, September 15	Top 14
Wednesday, September 16	Results
Tuesday, September 22	Top 12
Wednesday, September 23	Results
Tuesday, September 29	Top 10
Wednesday, September 30	Results
Tuesday, October 06	Top 8
Wednesday, October 07	Results
Tuesday, October 13	Top 6
Wednesday, October 14	Results
Tuesday, October 20	Top 4
Sunday, October 25	Finale

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It's Called Football
Vancouver Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi appeared on the It's Called Football show to discuss stadium plans, their move to MLS and the future of their revered academy system. Watch the show at **metronews.ca/blogs**

Sports

No Big O for Habs

The Montreal Canadiens won't be hitting the ice at Olympic Stadium this year. The team yesterday quashed rumours that it was planning a regular-season match at the stadium. The team looked at hosting the Washington Capitals on Nov. 28, but the CFL's Montreal Alouettes hold an option to use the Big O on Nov. 22 and the NHL requires at least seven days to construct a rink and build up the ice surface. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Wanted: 200-foot players

Playing both ends of the ice important at Olympic orientation camp

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Canada

On the first day of the Canadian men's hockey orientation camp in Calgary, Mike Babcock laid down a challenge for his group of forwards.

Babcock, who will coach Canada's entry into the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, told his players that they will have to be "200-foot players" by being responsible at both ends of the ice.

"You have to play a 200-foot game," Babcock said during a pre-camp press conference yesterday afternoon.

"You have to be good without the puck. The better we are without it, the more time we'll have it."

Team Canada executive director Steve Yzerman agreed with Babcock's assessment and noted the management team will be watching for the best two-way forwards at the camp and during the first three months of the NHL regular season.

"You have to be good without the puck. The better we are without it, the more time we'll have it."
Head coach Mike Babcock

"Specifically our forwards, we're looking for guys that are good in both ends of the rink," Yzerman said. "If you're going to make this team, we want you to be good in both ends of the rink. We can't be hesitant to put a player on the ice."

Forward Jarome Iginla, who's right at home in the Saddledome as captain of the Calgary Flames, said it "totally makes sense" that the coaching staff and executive will be on the lookout for players who can get it done both offensively and defensively.

"Their evaluation isn't really just based on this," Iginla said of the four-day evaluation camp that finishes with a Red-White scrimmage Thursday night at the Saddledome.

"You're not going to make it or not make it in the three or four days, but they're going to watch during the year. What's very important to them when it does come time is being responsible and being able to be good positionally and be part of the structure."

Men's eight set to make waves

ROWING No one is going to question Canadian rower Malcolm Howard's credentials to rate a fast men's eight.

After all, Howard was a key part of the engine that pushed a powerhouse crew to victory last year at the Beijing Olympics to highlight a four-medal haul for Canada's rowers.

So one can't help but take notice when he says the men's eight competing at the world championships this week in Poznan, Poland, does some things better than the Olympic champions did.

Howard of Victoria and Andrew Byrnes of Toronto are the only returning members.

"We're not as big as were last year," Howard said in a telephone interview. "That was a big eight. But in many ways, we're actually rowing better this year than we were last year."

Rounding out a men's eight that has a strong GTA and Ontario flavour are (cox) Mark Laidlaw of Mississauga, Derek O'Farrell of Unionville, James Dunaway of Duncan, B.C., Doug Csima of Oakville, Gabe Bergen of 100 Mile House, B.C., Rob Gibson of Kingston and Steve Van Knotsenburg of Beamsville.

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Results

- The Canadian men's eight won its opening heat yesterday in Poland, just ahead of the Dutch, to move into this weekend's final, where the favourite appears to be Germany.

Blue Jays outslugged by Rays

MLB RESULTS

Tampa Bay 12 **Toronto** 7

RAYS AT BLUE JAYS

BASEBALL Toronto ace Roy Halladay allowed seven runs for the first time in more than two years and Tampa Bay's Carlos Pena and Ben Zobrist each hit homers as the Rays defeated the Jays 12-7 yesterday.

Halladay (13-7) struggled for the second start in a row as he allowed eight runs, seven earned, on 12 hits and one walk in six innings.

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Soccer Reds lose at home

TIM HALES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Liverpool's Fernando Torres, centre, has a shot at goal yesterday against Aston Villa in English Premier League action at Liverpool. Villa downed the home side 3-1.

Sports in brief

GOLF After defeating him at the PGA Championship last week, Y.E. Yang will meet Tiger Woods again at this year's HSBC Champions in November. Defending champion Sergio Garcia and world No. 2 Phil Mickelson are also confirmed for the event.

BASEBALL The Colorado Rockies have signed former AL MVP Jason Giambi to a minor league contract. The 38-year-old will report to triple-A Colorado Springs, hoping for a September call-up to help the Rockies with their National League pennant push.

SOCCER A 25-year-old man was charged yesterday with stabbing West Ham defender Calum Davenport, who remained hospitalized in serious condition with leg wounds. Davenport and his 49-year-old mother were attacked Friday night at her home north of London.

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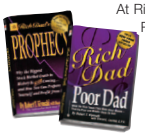

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Robert Kiyosaki will not attend this workshop.

Chargers extend quarterback

Philip Rivers reportedly signed a six-year contract extension yesterday with the San Diego Chargers worth $93 million US. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Robertson's big role

Back is offensive key despite Argos focus on passing game

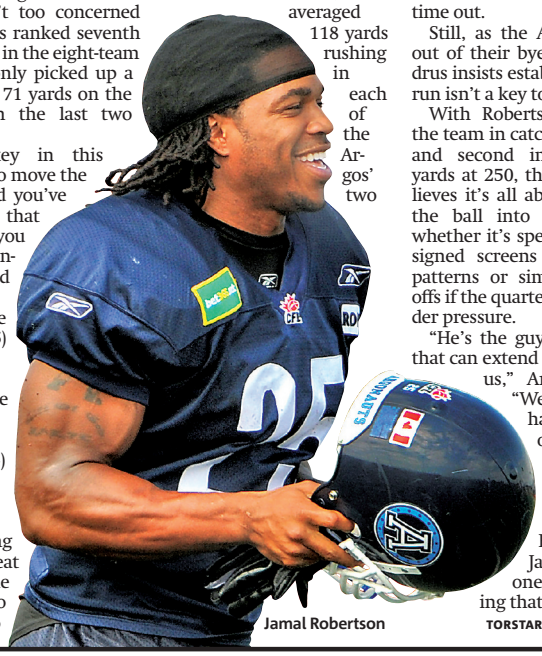
Rushing be damned.

Bart Andrus, a former U.S. college quarterback, likes to throw the football. So the Toronto Argonauts head coach isn't too concerned his team is ranked seventh in rushing in the eight-team CFL and only picked up a combined 71 yards on the ground in the last two games.

"The key in this league is to move the chains and you've got to do that any way you can," Andrus said yesterday after the Argos (2-5) began preparing to host the Calgary Stampeders (3-4) Friday night.

"Teams are telling us: 'OK, beat us with the pass.' So we have to prove we can do that."

Opposing defences have keyed on running back Jamal Robertson in recent weeks. Little wonder, as he averaged 118 yards rushing in each of the Argos' two wins this season, but had just 44 per game in the defeats, including eight yards on eight carries in a 36-28 loss to the B.C. Lions the last time out.



Jamal Robertson

Still, as the Argos come out of their bye week, Andrus insists establishing the run isn't a key to victory.

With Robertson leading the team in catches with 23 and second in receiving yards at 250, the coach believes it's all about getting the ball into his hands, whether it's specifically designed screens and other patterns or simple dumpoffs if the quarterback is under pressure.

"He's the guy right now that can extend the play for us," Andrus said. "We hope we have some other guys step up and get yards after the catch. Right now, Jamal's the one who's doing that."

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Workology

Online learning

A recent report conducted for the U.S. Department of Education found that, on average, students learning in an online environment performed better than those receiving face-to-face instruction. The report examined comparative research on traditional classroom versus online teaching from 1996 to 2008. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Resident director keeps show fresh

Madeline Paul maintains the standard of a production for the long haul

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

As resident director, Madeline Paul watches The Sound of Music about four times a week — and she never gets bored.

"It's my job to maintain the standard and the freshness of the show," she explained. But it probably wouldn't be healthy for her to watch the show any more often than she does, she said, because, it's easy to fall into the trap of putting it under the microscope and over-analyzing every scene.

To preserve the flow of the show, as original director Jeremy Sams of the London production intended it, Paul has to keep constant tabs on the integrity of the Toronto version.

The award-winning choreographer and director took over the reigns from Sams after the show's opening last fall, and the Mirvish Productions' gem at The Princess of Wales Theatre is now coming up to its one-year anniversary. Over time, Paul said, a show can morph and change ever so slightly and it's her job to keep the company and crew on track.

"It's tricky because it kind of goes in waves," she said. "(The company) have their days when they come in and they're tired towards the end of the week."

For an actor like Elicia MacKenzie — who was chosen to play Maria Rainer through CBC's reality show How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria? — it can be difficult because she has the starring role and plays it several times a week.

CYLLA VON TIEDEMANN

Elicia MacKenzie appears as Maria, right, along with actors playing several of the von Trapp children in this file photo from The Sound of Music at The Princess of Wales Theatre.

Backstage Pass

Madeline Paul is resident director of The Sound of Music at The Princess of Wales theatre.

MacKenzie and the rest of the cast, however, are extremely professional and do an excellent job of staying fresh in their parts, Paul said, adding that at this point the production has settled into a very good place.

Paul's work on The Sound of Music follows five years as resident director for Mama Mia! at the Royal Alexandra Theatre. She was also resident director for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, Showboat, Sunset Boulevard and Ragtime.

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Madeline Paul

The classical ballet dancer began her career with the Royal Ballet Company in London, and then went on to become dance supervisor and resident director for the Canadian production of Cats.

She says her favourite part of being resident director is rehearsing the understudies and teaching the show to young performers. Paul enjoys watching their progress and helping them succeed.

"They bring such energy and enthusiasm to the company," she said.

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Taking a leap into self-publishing

With financial risk and a lot of work, authors can find their way into print

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Erin Bolger had a vision of what she wanted her maiden manuscript to look like in published form: A country-meets-city cookbook with punchy colours, vivid photographs and an openness about herself at the "heart" of the book.

"I thought publishers might want to take that out and make it a little more safe," said the Toronto-via-Blyth, Ont. author. "They might want to change the title or direction of the book."

Instead, she took the reins — and complete creative control — before publishers could, opting to self-publish The Happy Baker: A Dater's Guide to Emotional Baking. Using connections she made working as a makeup artist and in television, Bolger hired a photographer and designer and sought out an Ottawa printer to turn her literary loaf from dough to dessert.

Erin Bolger took a leap of faith to self-publish her first book, The Happy Baker: A Dater's Guide to Emotional Baking.

More details

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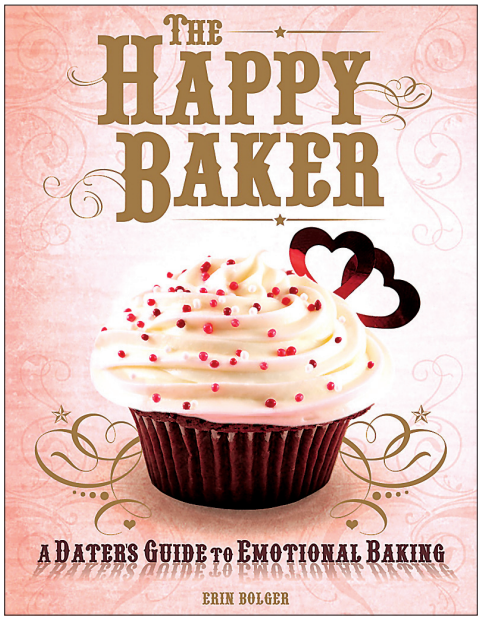
But it didn't come without work. "With self-publishing, you're doing everything," said Bolger, who estimates she worked 12 hours a day for a year, "I'm the one driving my books to the Chapters distribution centre. I still have to do all my own PR." And as someone who had never entered debt, going $45,000 into the red was a setback she took on largely because of wider economic circumstances.



"Artists (who) really believe in their work have circumvented the traditional major channels to invest in their own films and distribution, music and recordings. Now, it's become the same trend in publishing."
Keith Ogorek

"In a way, the economy being the way it was, was the reason I decided to do it. Everybody was in debt. I just thought I'd be in debt with everyone else."

By Keith Ogorek's measure, it may have been Bolger's best bet. The vice president of marketing for Bloomingtgon, Ind.-based Author Solutions, a network of self-publishing companies, said money woes have categorically affected traditional publishers, who are acquiring less content and investing more in "celebrity author" sure bets instead of up-and-coming writers.

"It's really squeezed the market, including an author's ability to get their books into the market and develop a following," he said. "Self-publishing allows an author to invest in their work, whereas before, they would have been completely and fully dependent on a traditional publisher liking their work."

And the price of a publisher picking up an unknown's work can be hefty, yielding a new author about one dollar per book. But Ogorek said direct distribution enables authors to earn higher royalties, a trend he said is akin to what's already happened in film and music. "Artists (who) really believe in their work have circumvented the traditional major channels to invest in their own films and distribution, music and recordings. Now, it's become the same trend in publishing."

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Strong on paper, but weak in person

For many hiring managers, evaluating a job applicant may feel like going on a blind date: the applicant looks good on paper but disappoints in person.

More than seven out of 10 senior executives interviewed said it is common for candidates with promising resumés not to live up to expectations during an interview.

The survey was developed by staffing firm Robert Half International and conducted by an independent research firm. It includes responses from 150 senior executives with the 1,000 largest U.S. companies.

"A resumé tells a hiring manager only a limited story about the job applicant," said Max Messmer, chairman and CEO of Robert Half International.

"(Nothing) replaces in-person interaction to ensure the candidate has the requisite technical qualifications and the soft skills that will likely make him or her a good fit."

Robert Half offers the following tips to help hiring managers make the best hires:

• Fish where the fish are. Create finely tuned job ads that describe the ideal candidate and post them in targeted places, such as industry publications and professional association websites, to attract strong candidates.

• Network. Seek recommendations from colleagues, staff and other professional contacts. Also network online and with members of industry organizations to ensure you cast a wide net.

• Stay front and centre. You know best what you want in an employee. Help prevent delays and potential hiring mistakes by remaining closely involved in the process from beginning to end.

• Narrow the field by phone. Following up on promising resumés with a 10-minute telephone interview can help ensure you invite only the best candidates to in-person interviews. This can be a time saver because you'll get an early reading on a person's interpersonal skills and potential fit with your team.

• Audition candidates. Bringing in workers initially on a temporary or project basis can give you the opportunity to observe firsthand their skills, performance and fit for a full-time position.

• Get help. Specialized recruiters can help you pinpoint your staffing needs. And through their networks, they have access to people you might not be able to locate on your own, including professionals who may not be actively looking for a job but are open to making a change for the right opportunity.

• Don't delay. Don't procrastinate when you identify strong applicants. By moving too slowly, you risk losing your first choice — and extending the hiring process.

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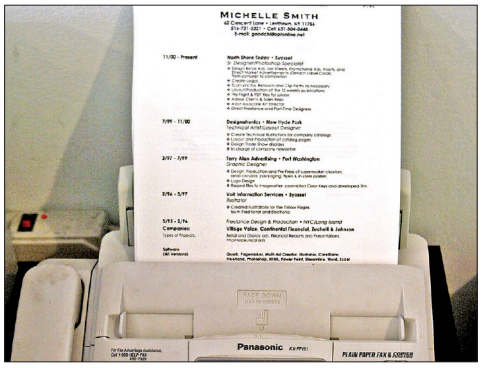

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In this file photo, a job applicant's resumé sits in a fax machine.

Survey results

In a survey developed by Robert Half International, 150 executives at major U.S. firms were asked, "How common is it for a job applicant who has a promising resumé to not live up to your expectations when you interview him or her?" Their responses:

- Very common: 11 per cent
- Somewhat common: 61 per cent
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Workology in brief

MANAGEMENT A recent survey by Shepell-fgi Research Group concludes that too many Canadian managers and supervisors are not properly equipped to deal with employee issues such as health, productivity, absenteeism, disability and employees returning to work after an absence. The report recommends organizations establish regular manager/supervisor training to identify and respond to declining productivity and changes in employee behaviour.

EMPLOYEES Even in the face of an uncertain economy, high potential employees are leaving their jobs for greater opportunities, according to a newly released report by Catalyst. The report classifies high potential employees as those who graduated with MBAs from top business schools around the world between 1996 and 2007. The report, which followed employees in Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia, also found that Canadian high potentials received far fewer promotions than their European and Asian counterparts.

JOB MARKET A new report by CIBC World Markets indicates that the U.S. job market is much weaker than Canada's. The report also states that Canadian workers are finding new jobs more quickly than expected following the recession. HEATHER BUCHAN/ FOR METRO CANADA

Campus tours do an about-face

EDUCATION Several post-secondary schools in the U.S. are now instructing campus tour guides to walk forward alongside prospective students and their parents, rather than walk backward in front of them, according to the New York Times. Student guides are also being asked to eschew school statistics and historical tidbits in favour of personal anecdotes.

In the three years since Arkansas-based Hendrix College overhauled its campus-visit program, both the number of students visiting the school and applications have increased by 25 per cent. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Recession puts training on chopping block: Survey

In tough times, employee training is often among the first areas to face the budgetary chopping block. Indeed, roughly one in four senior executives interviewed said their companies' professional development programs have been reduced from a year ago.

But while some companies are making cuts, others are making enhancements: 28 per cent of respondents indicated that their firms have actually bolstered their training initiatives during this time.

The survey was developed by staffing firm Accountemps and conducted by an independent research firm. It is based on telephone interviews with 150 senior executives from the 1,000 largest companies in the U.S.

"While employers may be tempted to eliminate or scale back training in challenging times, they should think twice before making these cuts," said Max Messmer, chairman of Accountemps and author of Human Resources Kit For Dummies, 2nd Edition (John Wiley & Sons, Inc.). "Skimping on employee education can dull your firm's competitive edge and undermine your recruitment and retention efforts."

Messmer added, "Providing targeted training enables staff, particularly those who have taken on new or expanded roles, to become more versatile and increase their contributions to the firm.

In addition, employees who feel their company is invested in their careers will be more motivated to perform at a high level and less likely to resign when an improving economy spurs new job opportunities." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Survey results

In a survey developed by Accountemps, 150 executives at major U.S. companies were asked, "Compared to 12 months ago, how, if at all, have your company's professional development programs changed?" Their responses:

- Expanded significantly: nine per cent
- Expanded somewhat: 19 per cent
- No change: 45 per cent
- Been reduced somewhat: 17 per cent
- Been reduced significantly: nine per cent
- Don't know: one per cent

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Bright stuff

Five steps to a younger-looking smile

MICHELLE VILLETT
For Metro Canada

From peptide-laced night creams to grey-masking hair dyes, there are countless ways to fight the first signs of aging.

But one area of the body usually gets overlooked: your smile. It's no surprise that a fondness for red wine, coffee and cigarettes can discolour your teeth, making them look older, says Dr. Charles Botbol, a Toronto-based dentist. But that's not the only factor: bad breath, worn-down teeth and lines around the mouth can also add years.

We asked Botbol, Dr. Maryam Adibfar, a Toronto-based dentist, and Dr. Stephen Mulholland, a Toronto-based cosmetic surgeon, for their best advice on achieving a younger-looking smile.

Follow a good home care routine: "At least twice a day, brush your teeth and gums for two to two-and-a-half minutes," says Adibfar. An electric toothbrush with a built-in timer (such as Oral-B's Pulsonic Sonic Toothbrush) can help you keep track of how long you're brushing; they're also better than regular toothbrushes at removing plaque and preventing stains from forming. Don't forget to floss at least once a day, too.

"Chronic bad breath, which is caused by poor oral hygiene, can make you seem older"
Dr. Charles Botbol, a Toronto-based dentist

Freshen up: "Chronic bad breath, which is caused by poor oral hygiene, can make you seem older," says Botbol. A pre-brushing rinse like Listerine Extreme Whitening not only freshens breath by stopping bacteria in its tracks, it also gently lifts stains.

Whiten and brighten: Cut back on stain-producing foods and beverages and start using at-home or professional whitening treatments. "For most people, whitening strips are affordable and do the job," says Botbol. Professional treatments — including custom-made whitening trays or Zoom whitening (both start at $300 and up) — perform deeper stain removal.

Get regular check-ups: To keep your teeth and gums in tip-top shape, see your dentist at least once every six months for an examination and professional cleaning, says Adibfar.

Consider investing in cosmetic improvements: If your teeth require more serious repair work — they're misshapen, crooked or worn from grinding, for example — a cosmetic dentist may suggest ceramic reconstruction or contouring (re-shaping existing teeth), says Botbol. But a younger-looking smile doesn't stop there. Hyaluronic acid fillers can restore fullness to the lips and fill in the nasolabial folds [laugh lines], says Mulholland. "Botox can also diminish the smaller lines and folds that run down from the corners of the mouth," he says.

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Keep teeth looking white and bright by cutting back on stain-producing foods and beverages and start using at-home or professional whitening treatments.

Torching teeth?

• And you thought the dental drill was bad! Can you imagine a tiny blowtorch blasting away bacteria in your mouth? Researchers in California have created a new tool to fight plaque that builds up inside the teeth. Said to be a cross between a light saber and mouth wash, this tiny, purple plasma blowtorch uses sonic micropulses to zap bacteria in hard-to-reach places deep inside the mouth. Inventors — from the University of Southern California schools of dentistry and engineering — say that the blowtorch technology will revolutionize many facets of medicine. The device has already been used in root canals.

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A spa for your teeth

Dental hygienists offer the same basic services for less

CELIA MILNE
For Metro Canada

We've heard the message many times: Take care of your mouth as part of your overall good health.

But it's expensive going to the dentist regularly. That's why some creative folks in Toronto have developed an affordable spa for oral care. You can go there to have basic services done by a dental hygienist, and pay 10 per cent to 30 per cent less than going to the dentist. Plus you get to sit back and be pampered.

"The response has been great!" says Georgia Thomas, a dental hygienist who opened the spa in 2008. "We are proud to be the only place in Toronto where you can slip on cozy slippers, receive a paraffin wax hand treatment, melt back into a massaging chair and have your mouth cared for, all with the soothing smells and sounds of a spa," she says.

Thomas thought of the idea 12 years ago when she was a student, but the concept could not be turned into reality legally. New legislation in Ontario and several other provinces now permits dental hygienists to practice without supervision by a dentist, so we may see more dental hygienists opening independent clinics in the future.

The focus of Impressions, The Dental Hygiene Spa, is preventing gum disease, bad breath and tooth decay.

The spa provides basic services: exams, cleaning, polishing, cavity detection, desensitization and whitening. Customers are referred to a dentist if something is suspicious or if they need X-rays.

Here are some of the price comparisons. For cleaning teeth, the spa charges a bit less than the fee you would pay at a dentist. For an examination and assessment, the spa charges $61, while the cost of an initial complete examination at a dental office starts at approximately $120. Polishing is $11, versus about $17 at the dentist, and fluoride is $13, versus about $24 at the dentist.

Company insurance plans generally do accept billing from independent dental hygiene providers. The dental hygiene spa staff routinely check each customer's insurance policy too see what is covered, and discuss options with the client.

Working closely with customers in a relaxed atmosphere is Thomas' vision. "It is so rewarding to collaborate with the client and involve them in the entire treatment process," she says. "Our clients feel like they are no longer left in the dark about their oral health and they truly appreciate the respect and the personalized care they receive at our spa," she adds.

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Oral care spas operated by dental hygienist offer exams, cleaning, polishing, cavity detection and more for 10 to 30 per cent less than what a typical dentist visit would cost.

First-aid kit can be road-trip lifesaver

SAFETY While most people setting off on a summer road trip might think to pack some adhesive bandages, sunscreen and bug repellent, a fully equipped first-aid kit often never even makes it onto the travel-planning list.

But public health and safety experts say that omission can be a big mistake.

"Minor injuries or emergencies can happen at any time and I think it's part of being prepared," Dr. Gerry Predy, senior medical officer of health for Alberta Health Services, says of carrying a comprehensive first-aid kit in one's vehicle or while camping and hiking, especially in remote areas.

He advises that a watertight first-aid kit for home and vehicle should contain:

- Antibiotic ointment, alcohol wipes, Q-tips and liquid soap.
- Sunscreen.
- Acetaminophen for fever and pain; ibuprofen for inflammation.
- Adhesive bandages and gauze pads in various sizes; splints.
- Single-edged razor blades or scalpel blades and handle.
- Chemical ice pack.
- Tweezers, safety pins and scissors; non-allergenic medical tape, duct tape.
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Fear of dentist is genetic: Study

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New U.S. research shows evidence that redheads carry a gene that may cause a resistance to anesthesia.

RESEARCH Have you got red hair? Are you afraid of the dentist?

The same gene variation that causes red hair is also associated with fear of dental work, according to new research in the U.S.

There is a growing body of evidence that a mutation on the MC1R gene, found in most redheads, also causes a resistance to anesthesia. Redheads could require as much as 20 per cent more anesthesia to numb their mouths before treatment.

A team of doctors and dentists based at the Cleveland Clinic enrolled 144 young people in a study. Sixty-seven of them had natural red hair and 77 were dark-haired. They all filled out questionnaires on their degree of fear of dental pain, anxiety about the dentist, and previous bad experiences at the dentist. The participants' blood was checked for presence of the gene variant often associated with red hair.

Almost all of the red-haired people had the gene variation on MC1R (65 out of 67), while just over a quarter of the dark-haired people had it (20 out of 77). Those with the gene variation reported much higher fear and pain associated with the dentist. They were twice as likely to avoid the dentist. The report, which appeared in the Journal of the American Dental Association, suggested dentists take special care with red-haired patients.

3 New theories on how children learn

• People used to think babies were illogical and in fact we've discovered that even young babies can use sophisticated logic and thinking to figure out how the world works.

• We used to think children were egocentric and they couldn't take the perspective of another person. But we've discovered even very young children can understand that people might want something different from what they want themselves.

• We used to think that children were amoral and that they didn't understand about morality until they were adolescents. But we've discovered that two- and three-year-olds are empathetic and altruistic.

(Provided by Alison Gopnik, a professor and the director of the Cognitive Development Lab at the University of California at Berkeley).

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Health in brief

TESTING DNA testing for cervical cancer could be even more accurate than the currently used Pap test — plus, we wouldn't need to get tested as often. Canada has seen a major drop in deaths from cervical cancer since the Pap was introduced in the 1960s, but the disease still killed about 380 women last year. According to just-published results from an eight-year trial in India by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, women who had DNA testing for the human papilloma-virus (HPV) that causes cervical cancer were less likely to die of the disease than those who had the Pap test. DNA testing would be required only once every five years, says Dr. Renga-swamy Sankaranarayanan, lead author of the study. DNA testing, in conjunction with the Pap smear, is now available in Canada for women only to provide confirmation of HPV infection. BEST HEALTH MAGAZINE

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A fair to remember

Today's midway is a far cry from its raunchy past

Whether it's the local county fair (which was all about meeting boys as far as me and my 13-year-old girlfriends were concerned) or the larger scale CNE (ah yes, necking on the bus back to our small town with Randy No-Longer-Remember-His-Last-Name after hooking up with him at the CNE), summer fairs are the stuff of romance.

But the fair wasn't always quite so innocent. Today's CNE is a far cry from its raunchier past when girl shows and burlesque were a regular midway feature.

In his book, Girl Show: Into the Canvas World of Bump and Grind, A. W. Stencell credits the Columbia Exposition in Chicago in 1893 as the place where traveling carnivals and girl shows got their start. It was the first major fair in North America that set aside a special area for show people, known as the midway.

Looking for entertainment for its midway, the Chicago Fair featured dancers with exotic names like Fatima and Husaria dancing in sideshows called such things as Persian Palace and Turkish Village. According to the history books, many of the girls were Ghawazi dancers and Gypsy prostitutes from Egypt. "At a time when most women wore corsets here were these dancers who were shaking the heck out of their boobs and hips," says Stencell.

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In her book, Burlesque West: Showgirls, Sex and Sin in Postwar Vancouver author Becki L. Ross documents the popularity and evolution of girl shows at Vancouver's Pacific National Exhibition from 1910 through to the 1970s where white and black dancers did not share the stage until the 1960s.

"White Shows" and "Black Shows" were presented separately, with the latter being marketed as exotic, savage and ethnic novelties, writes Ross, with the carnival barker announcing things like: "The African Queen, DIRECT from the jungles of Africa! We can't bring her out yet, but we'll bring her slave girls out" whereby out came "Nubian slave girls in chains, a thumping and a bumping."

Given this history, it probably wasn't such a bad thing that, as Stencell writes, "by the '70s, carnivals became big business, high-tech; expensive rides were all the rage and girl shows got squeezed out."

This history however, lives on in strip clubs everywhere. Pole dancing is thought to have originated in the old carnival days when tents were so small the stage often butted up against the centre tent pole, creating the ideal thing to hang on to and work up against.

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Unlike today's CNE, the local fair used to feature girl shows like burlesque.

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Gillian Anderson has confirmed she will appear in a third X-Files movie. The actress surprised fans at the Sarajevo Film Festival by admitting she would happily reprise her role. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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DVD picks

Duplicity
Director: Tony Gilroy

OUT TO CREATE lighter fare after his Oscar-lauded helming debut Michael Clayton, writer/director Tony Gilroy is determined to put some smarts into the world of double crosses and double martinis. But as his characters jet around the world and the story plays tricks with the calendar, Gilroy ends up with a tasty-looking confection that is as hard to unravel as a Rubik's Cube.

This spy vs. spy romance begins with the 2003 meet-cute and sexy set-up in Dubai of agents Claire (Julia Roberts), formerly of the CIA, and Ray (Clive Owen), formerly of Britain's MI6. Both are now corporate sleuths.

Naturally, Claire and Ray are in opposing boardrooms, while often in the same bedroom. Actors Roberts and Owen, last teamed as the fractious couple in Closer five years ago, still have chemistry — the sparks evident then still burn.

Duplicity illustrates the proposition that you can love someone despite not fully trusting them. Don't try to predict the ending, or demand a straight path to it.

Adventureland
Director: Greg Mottola

SET IN A decrepit Pittsburgh amusement park in the summer of 1987, Greg Mottola's uncommonly temperate coming-of-age comedy is based on his own youthful experiences as a minimum-wage slave forced to toil in a pretend paradise.

James (Jess Eisenberg) is a virginal college grad whose plans for a trip to Europe have thudded to the ground. Bereft of cash and marketable skills, James gets a job as a ride operator at Adventureland, an erstwhile entertainment facility run by densely devoted couple Bobby and Paulette (Bill Hader and Kristen Wiig).

Life looks less bleak when James meets the gaze of comely co-worker Em (Twilight's Kristen Stewart). Of course, another guy, Mike (Ryan Reynolds), complicates things.

Adventureland is a stealth comedy — the laughs are few but they sneak up on you and really deliver. More than that though, it's a wise reflection of the awkward gap between boyhood and manhood.

Peter Howell/for Metro Canada

Father knows best

Robin Williams helps out buddy in World's Greatest Dad

Bobcat Goldthwait already counts his latest movie starring buddy Robin Williams a success, no matter how well it does at theatres.

That's because World's Greatest Dad star Williams landed a slot to promote the film on NBC's The Tonight Show, where Goldthwait once burned his own bridges by deliberately setting a chair on fire during an appearance with Jay Leno.

In an interview shortly before Williams' Tonight Show gig, Goldthwait marveled at the fact that the low-budget black comedy he wrote and directed would get airtime on one of Hollywood's premier publicity venues.

"I truly, not in a bitter way, am not too concerned about box office, because trust me, when I sat down and wrote this screenplay, I never thought that would happen," Goldthwait, 47, said over coffee alongside Williams. "He's going to go on The Tonight Show and talk about a movie I made. I'm banned from The Tonight Show."

World's Greatest Dad continues Goldthwait's tradition of truly twisted humour, which he also showcased in Sleeping Dogs Lie, an indie comedy about a woman whose impromptu sex act with her dog causes havoc years later after she and her boyfriend adopt a policy of complete honesty.

The new movie stars Williams as a high-school poetry teacher whose dream of becoming a famous writer finally happens after publicity surrounding a bizarre family tragedy snowballs into a national outpouring.

The story leaves Williams' single dad caught in a deception that serves his personal ambitions while sugarcoating the truth about his malignantly surly teenage son (Daryl Sabara of the Spy Kids flicks).

Williams, 58, has been friends with Goldthwait for nearly 30 years. He appeared in Goldthwait's 1991 directing debut, Shakes the Clown. That movie starred Goldthwait as a boozy clown framed for murder, Williams signing on for a bit part as a favour to his pal.

"I went, 'Alcoholic clown movie. Yes, I want that in my resume,'" wisecracked Williams, who shared his thoughts about Goldthwait's decision years ago to give up acting and stick to directing.

Williams told Goldthwait, "Bob can do it. It's a question of do you want to do it? It's like, people say to me, 'Do you want to direct?' I went, 'Not at all. I'd rather cater.'"

Goldthwait sent the World's Greatest Dad script to Williams to get his opinion, not thinking his friend might star in the film, which opened last week in New York City and expands to more cities Friday.

After Williams came on board, the film took on a bigger life, Goldthwait said.

"The real reason I was thinking of Robin NOT being in this movie was really because he is one of my best friends, or my best friend, but I'm also fully aware that he's one of the greatest actors we have, period. Really, period," Goldthwait said. "So the idea that he would do the movie just suddenly changed it, and watching him in these scenes, I was sitting there and I was getting goose bumps."

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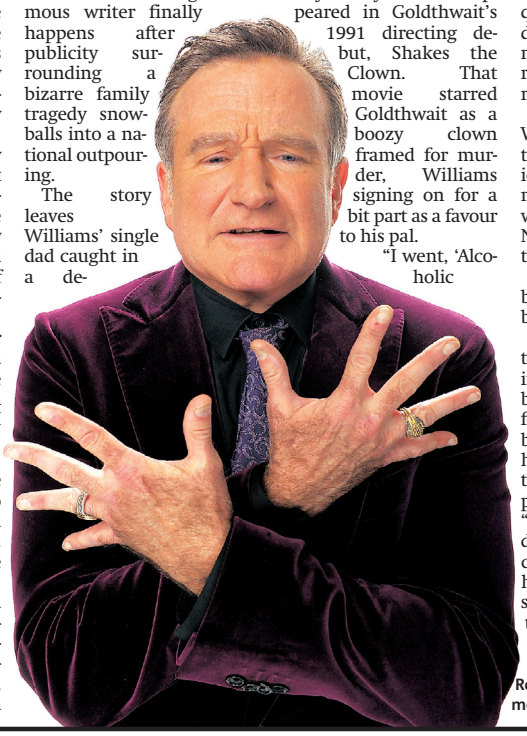

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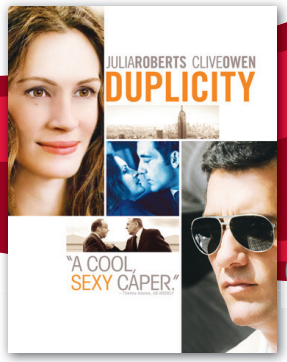

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Kiss at the ACC

Kiss has announced that their Kiss Alive 35 2009 North American tour will arrive at Toronto's Air Canada Centre on Friday, Oct. 2. Tickets go on sale Saturday, Aug. 29 at 10 a.m., and can be purchased at all Ticketmaster locations. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Mix of Six

Metro taps into today's best entertainment and event picks

MUSIC Hamilton electronic pop music duo The Junior Boys perform tonight at Tattoo Rock Parlour, 567 Queen St. W.

ART The Canadian Sculpture Centre on Merton Street is hosting the 10th annual Juried Emerging Sculptures Exhibition, now through Sept. 11, featuring works by some of Canada's best emerging artists.

COMEDY The Second City tells Toronto to Shut up and Show Us Your Tweets! as it previews material from its 64th original sketch comedy revue, which opens Sept. 29. 8 p.m. $23, call 416-343-0011. 51 Mercer St.

THEATRE The Canadian Stage Company's Dream in Hyde Park presents The Tempest Tuesday through Sunday at 8 p.m. Gate opens at 6 p.m. Admission is PWYC (suggested donation $20) at the gate and free for children 14 and under. Visit canstage.com.

THE EX C-NEMA Under the Stars is showing an outside screening of the Indiana Jones classic Raiders of the Lost Arc at 8:30 p.m. at Bandshell Park.

ROM The Dead Sea Scrolls are still on display at the museum. This is an opportunity to see one of the greatest archaeological finds of the last century. Visit rom.on.ca for more details.

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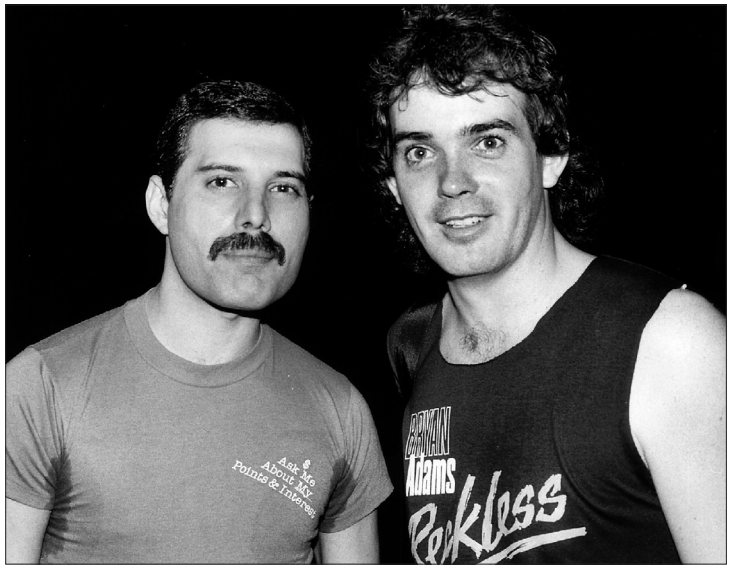
MuchMusic turns 25

Original VJs Ward, Roberts, Ehm reflect on station's anniversary

It was Aug. 31, 1984, when J.D. Roberts, his hair styled in a bushy mullet, and Christopher Ward — sporting pleated pants, a shiny grey jacket and a goofy smile — introduced Canada's first 24-hour music channel with the help of some decidedly low-budget special effects and the promise of upcoming videos by the Spoons, Human League and Culture Club.



Queen lead singer Freddie Mercury, left, poses with J.D. Roberts in this undated handout photo.

Yes, it's been nearly 25 years since MuchMusic launched with Rush's The Enemy Within, followed by an interview with singer Geddy Lee and a Day One playlist that also included the Fixx, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Yes and Slade.

OK, so maybe one or two of those bands didn't exactly stand the test of time. But hey, in those early days, no one really thought the upstart station would ever survive for 25 years of scrutiny anyway.

"I didn't think about it lasting 25 minutes," Ward told The Canadian Press in a telephone interview.

"Maybe because it was so overwhelming and so new, we weren't thinking about what it was going to become. It was just trying to keep it as entertaining as possible in the moment."

A quarter-century later, those moments — created spontaneously, with no scripts to speak of — have left an indelible impact on those who grew up basking in Much's glow, the music fans who curated self-recorded VHS cassette compilations and scribbled down the names of tunes played during the station's countdown of top videos.

"It was huge when I was growing up because that was one of the first outlets I had to listen to music that was not my parents' music," said Edmonton hip-hop artist Roland Pemberton, a.k.a. Cadence Weapon.

"That was my first experience seeing Nirvana on TV. Seeing a video for Lithium, I was like: 'I want to do that.'"

Much was launched some three years after MTV pioneered music-video television in the United States. The brainchild of British-born producer John Martin and Citytv impresario Moses Znaimer, MuchMusic — available only on satellite initially — began by broadcasting a six-hour block of live programming each day, which would then be re-run.

Early promotional materials broke down the typical hour of MuchMusic programming as follows: 10 to 12 music videos, eight minutes maximum of commercials, news, gossip, concert info and time with the VJs.

For a fledgling, shoestring operation — "we weren't allowed to order Post-it notes!" recalls David Kines, who was with the station from 1983 through 2007 — filling a half-dozen hours a day was no small order.

"At the time, I was like: 'OK, it's only six hours, that shouldn't be a problem, right?'" Ward said. "Now when you think of that, it's kind of TV by the pound."

"We were all naive, and we were all very young. ... We just didn't know any better, we thought we could do anything," said Roberts, now the anchor of CNN's American Morning, over the telephone from his New York office.

That success was owed largely to the passion with which the staff approached their developing craft.

"What they looked for then are people who live it, who breathe it, who are characters, who would be doing this if there was no MuchMusic, which is who I was," said Erica Ehm, a VJ from 1984-94, in an interview at her Toronto home.

"Maybe because it was so overwhelming and so new, we weren't thinking about what it was going to become. It was just trying to keep it as entertaining as possible in the moment."
Christopher Ward

"We were breaking and forging new ground at the time. ... We were the ones doing the difficult work, which is developing new ways of doing things — not so much me, but there were people who were editing, directing and producing who really created a new style of television."

Also cool and groovy at the time? Some outlandish fashion trends that, looking back, induce the odd cringe.

"I might've had big shoulders, I might've had purple streaks in my hair, I might've had some shirts that looked like an exotic pasta dish," Ward said with a laugh.

Roberts was only a VJ for two years but the image of his youthful face beaming out from under a mullet has proven enduring.

"I had Bono in last year, talking about the United Nations assembly, and I showed him a picture of the first time we met in 1981 (on The NewMusic)," Roberts said. "We both had mullets. He couldn't believe the hair."

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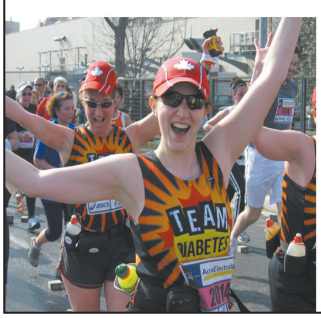

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A brand new Hills
Expect big changes when new episodes of The Hills start up again on Sept. 29. Most notably, Kristin Cavallari has replaced Lauren Conrad on The Hills. "Kristin has brought new life to the show," executive director Liz Gateley says. PEOPLE.COM

Mom lauds MJ tribute

Madonna and Lionel Richie might be among the performers at the Sept. 26 tribute concert to Michael Jackson in Vienna.

The King of Pop's mother said in a letter made public Monday that next month's global tribute for Michael Jackson in Vienna is "a wonderful idea" and an event that her son would have loved.

"An event of this dimension ... gives millions of fans the opportunity to ... celebrate the life of my son."
Michael Jackson's mother Katherine

The Sept. 26 concert — being planned by Jackson's brother Jermaine — will take place in front of a 17th-century palace in the Austrian capital. The performers haven't been announced, but the event is expected to draw thousands of people.

"An event of this dimension not only keeps Michael's spirit alive, more than that: It gives millions of fans the opportunity to experience his music and celebrate the life of my son," Katherine Jackson wrote. "I am sure Michael would love it."

The handsigned letter is dated Thursday and was made public by the Austrian event promoters, World Awards Media GmbH.

Michael Jackson died aged 50 on June 25.

Event promoter Georg Kindel has said the tribute was originally planned for London's Wembley Stadium on Aug. 29, which would have been Jackson's 51st birthday, but that Jermaine Jackson decided instead on Vienna. Austria is home to many castles, and Jermaine has said Vienna was chosen as the venue because his brother "loved castles."

In the letter, Katherine Jackson said she immediately considered Jermaine's plan — announced several weeks after he visited Vienna to receive an award in his brother's honour — "a wonderful idea."

"I fully support Jermaine's endeavours to spread Michael's important message of making a better world for us all," she wrote.

Jackson's mother also reached out to fans, saying she was "overwhelmed by the worldwide love and support that my beloved son Michael has received over the past month."

Last week, fans swamped the website offering tribute tickets, with prices ranging from 63 euros to 518 euros (about C$98 to $803).

Nina Ellend, head of publicity at World Awards Media GmbH, said thousands of tickets have been snapped up and that the sale was happening in stages.

Austrian media have reported that Madonna, U2, Lionel Richie and Whitney Houston might be among the performers.

However, the tribute's website says only that the lineup will include "some of the most popular contemporary artists."

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Moyer joins Priest

True Blood star Stephen Moyer has been cast in Priest, the Paul Bettany-led, Scott Stewart-directed thriller about "a warrior priest (Bettany) who turns against the church to track down a murderous band of vampires who kidnapped his niece," according to Variety. EW.COM

Picasso Museum up for reno

ART Paris' Picasso Museum is closing its doors for renovations, spiriting away its masterpieces under high security to government warehouses for more than two years while seeking to expand the much-visited but cramped site.

The museum will be free to all visitors Sunday, the last day before the work begins.

It will stop lending out Picasso artworks during the overhaul, which will begin with experts updating, computerizing and restoring the inventory.

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Food habits revisited

W show advises Canadians on healthy lifestyle

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Battling plump-making pounds has long been the work of diet and exercise, but Scottish nutrition guru Gillian McKeith says the way to a healthy weight and fit form goes beyond food.

Scottish nutirition guru Gilliam McKeith will be helping Canadians in Eat Yourself Sexy.

"There's a huge emotional component when it comes to food," says McKeith, "When I first started out, I realized you can get good results with just the food, but you don't get great results. You have to address these other issues, otherwise you will end up getting to a plateau and be stuck."

McKeith is helping out-of-shape Canadians acknowledge the emotional path that lead them to unhealthy lifestyles on the new program Eat Yourself Sexy, which premieres Sept. 2 on W Network.

Eat Yourself Sexy premieres Sept. 2 on W Network

"You may not be able to change the past, but at least acknowledging it is very important to moving away, letting go and moving on," she says. Baggage ranging from fractured relationships with a parent or partner, through stress at work, to the death of a pet are all factors McKeith says may contribute to developing an unhealthy body. When she sees clients, she gives them an onion to symbolize such setbacks in one's life.

"That is to represent your original self — your core. It doesn't matter if you're rich, poor, old or young; Sometimes you will hold onto things that hold you back," she says. "We want to peel back all the layers of all the holding."

But McKeith's focus exceeds the individual. On Eat Yourself Sexy, she places equal emphasis on partners of the profiled women, believing they'll inevitably be left behind in the relationship if they don't co-operate.

"I want the relationship to grow, not to go," she says. "They have to really support in a way they haven't done before so they can nourish and nurture that relationship." In addition to insisting they make similar dietary changes, McKeith gives partners tasks like buying groceries, chopping vegetables or growing sprouted seeds.

> **"There's a huge emotional component when it comes to food."**
> Gillian McKeith

And it's not just relationships McKeith says will become healthier as a result of her regiment. She recalls a woman depicted on the program named Erica who had developed type 2 diabetes, as a result of unhealthy eating habits. "Her freezer was mooing," she says, "It was like there'd been a slaughter at the zoo! There was every meat you could ever think of."

Within two weeks of following McKeith's plan, she says Erica's blood sugar levels had come down, and reverted to normal within two months.

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Grier wants custody of daughter

Actor David Alan Grier is seeking shared custody of his one-year-old daughter, according to court papers filed this week. The In Living Color star also requested the court deny his estranged wife Christine Kim any spousal support. **POPEATER.COM**

Brush with Bruce

Campbell special guest at horror fest

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

When director Sam Raimi unleashed his indie classic The Evil Dead in 1981, little did anyone realize the scrappy little shocker would help propel him onto the Hollywood A-list.

While Raimi found critical and commercial success with films like The Gift, Darkman and, most potently, the Spider-Man series, his leading man, the smirking, square jawed, human cartoon Bruce Campbell, garnered a very different class of celebrity.

Since starring in all three of Raimi's Evil Dead films, the 51-year-old Campbell (in town this Friday as the guest of honour at Rue Morgue's Festival of Fear) has appeared in a multitude of offbeat, B-movie classics, amassing a loyal following of admirers in the process.

And though he isn't entirely comfortable with the handle, there's no denying that the multi-talented actor is now a genuine cult phenomenon.

"I don't make up that stuff, that's for the pundits and the media to say," Campbell says about his fan approved status.

"I often sit back and wonder what these people are yelling about. It's been a really surreal experience ... a wild ride."

Whether it be writing, directing and starring in his own films — like 2007's My Name is Bruce — appearing in popular TV shows, penning best-selling books or being moulded for a line of action figures, every public move Campbell makes is cause for celebration amongst his flock.

"Women often ask me to sign their (breasts) and recently, in Austin, a bunch of guys asked me to sign their, um, appendages."
Bruce Campbell

And sometimes, those fans can be more than a little hardcore.

"Women often ask me to sign their (breasts) and recently, in Austin, a bunch of guys asked me to sign their, um, appendages. I guess they must run right over to the tattoo parlour to get it on there permanently before it rubs off."

Campbell's stop at the Festival of Fear is only one of several appearances he makes at counterculture film conventions across North America.

And while some may sneer at the clientele, who line up for hours — often dressed in elaborate costumes — just to get a glimpse of their idols, Campbell sees it all as a positive outlet.

"I don't need to tell these people to get a life — this is their life. This is a release for them. Some of them are weird, sure, but there are a lot of weird guys running around it the general population too."

Online

- For more information, visit bruce-campbell.com

GETTY IMAGES

Cult horror star Bruce Campbell, best known for his roles in the Evil Dead series, will be in town for the Rue Morgue Festival of Fear.

Leonard Nimoy

Best of fest

Rue Morgue's Festival of Fear takes place this Friday through Sunday, with film screenings, autograph sessions and Q-and-As with Roger Corman and others as part of Fan Expo Canada 2009. The expo runs Friday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Here is a look at what else is taking place:

- **COMIC BOOK EXPO:** Special guests include Marvel Comics' Joe Quesada, DC Comics' Dan Didio, comic creator Len Wein and artists like Mike Deodata Jr., Chris Bachalo and Ivan Reis.
- **SCIENCE FICTION EXPO:** Those making appearances at the event include Star Trek's Leonard Nimoy, The Terminator's Linda Hamilton, and Battlestar Galactica's Mary McDonnell.
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Meat-market drinks

Carnivorous cocktails are all the rage

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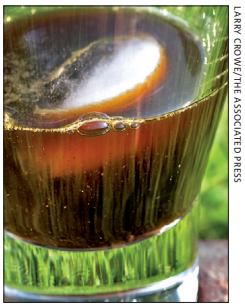
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A Benton's Old Fashioned with bacon-infused Bourbon.

Bacon-infused spirits and other so-called "carnivorous cocktails" are quirky options on the menus of some cutting-edge bars these days, and with the introduction this May of a mass-produced product called Bakon Vodka, flesh-flavoured spirits are beginning to nudge their way into the mainstream drinking scene.

Seger, general manager, mixologist and sommelier of Chicago bar/restaurant Nacional 27, is part of a multitasking breed of barkeep that likes to incorporate culinary techniques into drinks. Bacon is the most popular meat-in-a-glass, but Seger has also made a ham-and-cheese cocktail, while renowned mixologist Todd Thrasher has experimented with foie gras and lamb.

Seger says that savoury drinks follow cooking logic. "You use alcohol to deglaze a pan when you cook, so it makes sense that you can inverse it," he says.

To taste Thrasher's BLT cocktail, you have to head to his speakeasy PX in Alexandria. Can't find it? That's because there's no sign and you have to knock on an imposing door to gain entrance.

On a recent summer night, we entered and found Jayson Smith manning the bar, doling out the BLT — a drink full of mind-bending, taste bud-tingling turns. A huge ice cube, made with lettuce water, anchors a glass rimmed with bacon salt. Clear tomato water and bacon-infused vodka are mixed and poured over the lettuce cube.

Thrasher also makes an off-the-menu special called MacGriddle, which tastes like a McGriddle from McDonald's. This one mixes the bacon vodka with cream, maple syrup, a whole egg and icing sugar.

In contrast with such food-based experimentation, the new commercial product Bakon Vodka, launched by three friends in Seattle, isn't even made with real bacon. One of the owners, Sven Liden, explains: "After a lot of testing and figuring out shelf-life and other issues, we decided that an infusion was too complicated and messy. The upside is that it's vegan and gluten-free."

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Rock of Anges star joins SVU
Mitchell Jarvis, star of the Broadway show Rock of Ages, is joining the growing list of guest-stars on SVU's fall season. Jarvis will play Coach Simmons, a combination of "muscles and mustache with a twist of creepy," says casting director Jonathan Strauss. TVGUIDE.COM

Dirty, rotten film titles

Basterds, Porno — plenty of names that trip people up

Quentin Tarantino isn't saying why he spelled the title of his Second World War adventure, Inglourious Basterds, the way he did.

The writer-director is enjoying having a little fun with his audience, similar to the way he credited himself and Uma Thurman, with whom he co-wrote the Kill Bill movies, by their initials Q and U.

"I'm never going to explain that," Tarantino said during a news conference in May at the Cannes Film Festival. "When you do an artistic flourish like that, to describe it, to explain it, would just . . . invalidate the whole stroke in the first place."

"(Artist Jean-Michel) Basquiat takes the letter L from a hotel room door and sticks it in his painting," he added. "If he describes why he did it, he might as well not have done it at all."

Tarantino's film about Jewish-American soldiers who hunt down and scalp Nazis, which opened this past weekend atop the box office with an estimated $37.6 million, is one of several in recent memory with a name that's tripped people up, either because of its spelling or because it contains a potentially offensive word.

> **"I am never going to explain that."**
> Quentin Tarantino on the spelling of Inglourious Basterds

The Weinstein Co., which is distributing it in the United States, says it hasn't heard of any censorship of the title — which has nothing to do with a 1978 Italian action picture called (and correctly spelled) The Inglorious Bastards.

But when Zack and Miri Make a Porno came out last fall, it prompted protests about the title across the country. Commercials during Los Angeles Dodgers games were eventually dropped at the team's request and the city of Philadelphia rejected posters for its bus stops. In some instances, the Kevin Smith comedy about best friends who make an X-rated movie to pay the bills was just called Zack and Miri.

For all the trouble, having a curse word in the title doesn't necessarily create more buzz for a movie, said publicist Alex Klenert. As an executive at Think-Film in 2005, Klenert worked on a documentary about the origin and many creative uses of the F-word (which was also the title of the film), and Awesome: I F—— Shot That, in which the Beastie Boys gave cameras to fans who shot footage of a 2004 concert at New York's Madison Square Garden.

"For what we had to do with the movie, it created another layer of extra work we had to do to position the film in certain markets, especially regionally," Klenert said. "With the Beastie Boys documentary, they just were not going to use (the F-word) in it. If you put it in theatres across the country, you can't have a theatre with a child walking in with a poster that says (the F-word) on it."

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Brad Pitt stars in Inglourious Basterds, which has generated a lot of talk over its curiously spelled title.

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Twenty hopefuls ready to dance

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The 10 men and 10 women were picked following a five-city audition tour that travelled to Vancouver, Edmonton, Saint John, N.B., Toronto and Montreal.

The dancers will be paired into 10 couples who will work with some of the country's top choreographers to learn a new dance routine every week.

Once a week for the next nine weeks, viewers will get to vote for their choice of Canada's Favourite Dancer after each weekly dance show.

The three couples with the fewest number of votes will then be revealed and get one last chance to impress the judges and "dance for their life."

The judges will make the ultimate decision on who stays and who goes home.

Two of the competitors are from British Columbia, four are from Alberta, eight are from Ontario, five are from Quebec and one from Nova Scotia.

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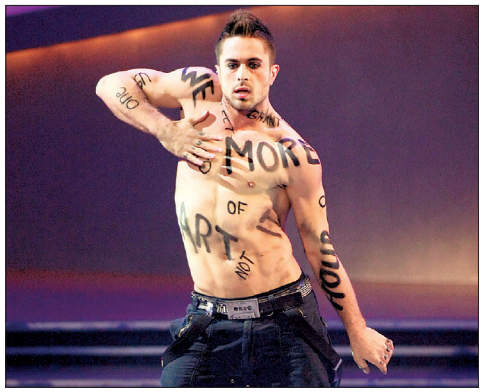

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Twenty dancers are hoping to follow in the steps of last year's So You Think You Can Dance Canada winner Nico Archambault and emerge Canada's Favourite Dancer on televised dancing show.

Dance hopefuls

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- Corynne Barron, Edmonton
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- Danny Lawn, Brockville, Ont.
- Emanuel Sandhu, Vancouver
- Everett Smith, Glen Morris, Ont.
- Jayme Rae Dailey, Montreal
- Jenna Lynn Higgins, Toronto
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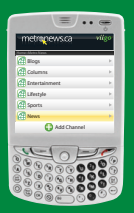

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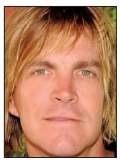
Jack Ingram aims to break record for most interviews

Jack Ingram better be in a chatty mood come today.



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The country singer will try to break the world record for most radio interviews in 24 hours as part of a promotional blitz for his new album, Big Dreams&High Hopes.

Communications gurus TJ Walker and Jess Todtfeld hold the current record after speaking to 96 different radio stations in 24 hours last June, said Guinness World Records spokeswoman Jamie Panas.

The previous record was 72 by Pete Wentz and Patrick Stump of the rock group Fall Out Boy.

Ingram is shooting for 225 interviews in 24 hours starting 8 a.m. today.

"When I first went to No. 1 with Wherever You Are, I spent a week on the phone every morning for four or five hours at a time talking to radio stations," Ingram said recently. "It's a fantastic way to travel the country without going anywhere."

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Music Man's final spin

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Music Man Murray — who for almost a half-century has been L.A.'s go-to-guy for that elusive record, the one you spent years searching in vain for until you found Murray — is closing up shop and selling his collection of some 300,000 discs.

Everything must go, from the rare 10-inch vinyl LPs, to the even rarer 19th century Edison cylinders. Even that framed, mint-condition Yesterday and Today album by the Beatles, the one with the notorious "butcher cover" that makes it worth thousands of dollars, needs a home.

No, says Murray Gershenz, an energetic man of 87, he's not getting too old to run Music Man Murray's. Truth is, he says, his budding career as a character actor is finally taking off and he just can't devote the time anymore that a record collection like his deserves.

So someone else will have to keep watch over those ancient and fragile discs like the 100-year-old 78s recorded by Swedish opera singer Sigrid Onegin.

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Music collector Murray Gershenz holds an album by The Beatles as he poses at his store, Music Man Murray, in Los Angeles. Gershenz is closing up his Hollywood shop after nearly 50 years.

"Great singer, absolutely phenomenal," he says, respectfully, holding one lovingly in his hands.

Then there's the priceless Kenny&the Cadets 45 (one of those small plastic records with the big hole in the middle). Only a few copies were pressed in 1962 before the group's core members became much better known as the Beach Boys.

Gershenz is hoping a deep-pocketed music industry figure or an institution might buy his collection and keep it intact. Short of that, though, he'll sell it piecemeal.

If he has any regrets, it's that one of the last of the old brick-and-mortar record stores is closing as the business continues to move online.

For years his store has drawn everyone from musicians to wealthy collectors to average folks just trying to resurrect childhood memories.

"Oh man, he had everything," recalls veteran L.A. musician Chuck E. Weiss, who visited the shop regularly in the early 1970s. There, Weiss says, he discovered a trove of old 78s by blues legends Robert Johnson and Charlie Patton and pre-World War II jazz recordings by Louis Armstrong.

If he were younger and had more time, Murray says, maybe he would stick around and try to reissue some of his rarities on CD.

But for now the movies are calling. He's had two box-office hits showing in theatres this year, I Love You, Man and The Hangover. Oh sure, he wasn't the star of either, but every time someone recognizes him as the old guy being manhandled in a Las Vegas hospital in The Hangover, they laugh. He's got another film in production and a recurring role on television's The Sarah Silverman Show.

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	305	612	306 PIX	(7:10) *Habitat* ★★ (1997, Science Fiction), Alice Krige				*Blankman* ★★ (1994, Comedy) Damon Wayans.				*The Boys Club*

critics' corner

Blankman

This 1994 comedy would have worked much better as a sketch on "In Living Color" than as a big-screen feature. As it is, it's hard to look at Damon Wayans in a cape and tights without remembering his "ILC" character Handi-Man, the physically challenged superhero. Here, he's a geeky inventor who becomes a crime fighter when bad guys kill his grandma. To say our hero has the emotional and social maturity of a 13-year-old boy is an insult to 13-year-old boys everywhere. 9:50 AM on PIX

Everybody's Children

Imagine leaving your home and your family for a new land an ocean away. Now imagine doing that alone ... at 16 or 17. This documentary profiles two African teens who came to Canada to escape violence and oppression at home. Sallieu, 16, left Sierra Leone after his mother was murdered. Joyce, 17, fled the Democratic Republic of Congo to avoid a life of prostitution. The film follows their efforts to adjust to their new lives and become typical Canadiant teens. 10 PM on NW

Baldwin passing on challenge to Lieberman

Baldwin

PEOPLE A spokesman for Alec Baldwin says the actor has no plans to challenge Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman in the 2012 election.

Matthew Hiltzik said yesterday that Baldwin does not plan to move to Connecticut or to run. He says the 30 Rock star wants Lieberman to stay in office because there are so few moderate Republicans in the Senate. Lieberman was re-elected in 2006 as an independent after he lost the Democratic primary.

Baldwin was quoted in Playboy magazine this summer as saying he would love to run against Lieberman. His brother, Stephen Baldwin, said last week that his older brother is serious about politics.

On CNN's State of the Union on Sunday, Lieberman said he respects Baldwin as an actor but dared him to "make my day" with a Senate challenge.

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Gwyneth and Chris making monster house
Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin know how to deal with neighbours: Buy them out. The couple is hard at work combining their London townhouse with the adjoining property to create a massive, 33-room home, according to the Daily Mail. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

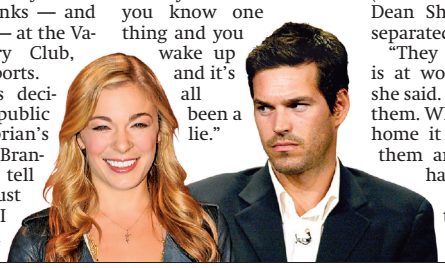
Eddie and LeAnn make public debut

OUT IN THE OPEN It's official: LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian are no longer hiding their relationship.

On Saturday night, the couple went to the Kings of Leon concert in Los Angeles, just two days after they hit the links — and openly flirted — at the Valencia Country Club, people.com reports.

The couple's decision to go public prompted Cibrian's estranged wife Brandi Glanville to tell People: "He's just somebody I don't know." In March, she had stood by her husband of eight years after allegations surfaced that Cibrian, 36, and Rimes, 26, were having affair.

"I don't understand," she says now. "You think you know one thing and you wake up and it's all been a lie."



Glanville, who is separated from the CSI: Miami star, says she is unable to completely explain to the couple's sons Mason, 6, and Jake, 2, what is going on between mom and dad. (Rimes and her husband, Dean Sheremet, are also separated.)

"They know that daddy is at work all the time," she said. "That's what I tell them. When he does come home it is surprising for them and they are very happy."

Glanville, on the other hand, has a different reaction: "I'm just like, 'You know what? You're not the man I married.'"

She adds that she has spoken with Rimes twice recently, and told her, "He's all yours."

Glanville says she has no plans to reconcile with Cibrian, and hopes to file divorce papers soon. "There is one side of him that I absolutely love and always will," she noted, "but that side of him is not the side I'm divorcing."

Neither Cibrian's nor Rimes' rep was available for comment.

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Heidi shows off her pipes

DOUBLE THREAT? Heidi Montag performed for the first time on Sunday's Miss Universe pageant. She sang Body Language while dancing around in a sequin bra and matching pants — but half the song was blocked while NBC introduced the 15 finalists.

"I think people don't know what to expect, and how can they? It's my first performance live and it's in front of a billion eyes. So I'm very excited to show everyone what I'm coming with," Montag said before performing.

TMZ.com reported that Montag would lip-synch because producers were nervous about her performance and feared she couldn't remember her lyrics. Montag, though, said she was unaware of the criticism and eager to perform.

"I'm very excited for everybody to see this," she said. "I think a lot of people are expecting something very different."

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Celebrity tweets

Ben Stiller bonds with his kid through Hannah Montana, Denise Richards gets a self-tanning scare from her children and Spencer Pratt dishes out inspiring words for all the students out there.

• @RedHourBen Just watched Hannah Montana with my 7 yr. old. We had wildly divergent experiences of the movie.

• @DENISE_RICHARDS OMG my daughters came running in my room covered in what they said was self tanner, thank God it was body make up!!!

• @spencerpratt Everyone who started school again today study hard so you can be like Spencer Pratt when you grow up hahahhaha-hahaha lol

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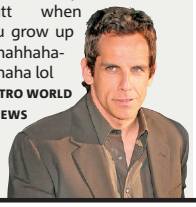

Jackson kids heading to school?

GROWING UP The home-schooling days may be over for Michael Jackson's kids, TMZ.com reports.

The gossip website says is has learned Jackson's mother, Katherine, is "seriously considering" sending the children to an elite Los Angeles private school.

Family sources say she has been in talks with school reps to send Michael Jr., Paris, and Prince to the Buckley School — the same place Tito Jackson's three kids and several members of the Jackson clan attended.

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Contestant finally impresses Simon

RARITY Simon Cowell is usually difficult to impress, but one contestant on U.K.'s The X Factor blew him away, popeater.com reports.

Cowell gave a standing ovation to Danyl Johnson's rendition of The Beatles' With a Little Help From My Friends. "That was single-handedly the best first audition I have ever heard," he said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ex Blake is still in my future: Amy

DESPERATE Amy Winehouse still wants to reunite with estranged husband Blake Fielder-Civil, according to the Daily Mirror.

Sources say the singer held up an ace of spades card at a private magic show and saying, "This one is for me and Blake. It's our lucky card. He's my man. We can make it. We're so strong together."

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Claws come out over sex tape

BLAME GAME Country singer Mindy McCready says she did not release the video of Eric Dane, Rebecca Gayheart and Kari Ann Peniche's nude antics in a Jacuzzi, despite Peniche's assertions otherwise, popeater.com reports.

"I did not want to be dragged into all this. I did not want to be a part of this," McCready told Access Hollywood. Peniche accused her former Celebrity Rehab roommate of stealing the homemade movie while they were on the show together.

But, McCready had this to say about the former beauty queen's allegations: "She is evil personified, she is evil in human form. She will hurt anyone she can to make money."

Peniche has also denied releasing the footage. "If I was going to leak it, I would have done that a long time ago," she explained.

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Kourtney eating healthy for two

RESPONSIBLE MAMA Nope, she isn't grabbing for the ice cream and pickles. Instead, Kourtney Kardashian is opting for healthier choices now that she's eating for two, people.com reports.

"I have more healthy cravings than my normal eating habits, like I crave fruit and cold things like smoothies," she said. "I wasn't normally a breakfast person. (Now) I eat breakfast the second I get up and I'm definitely hungry all throughout the day."

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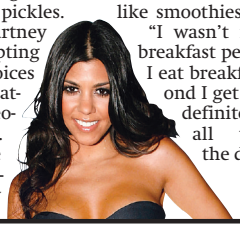

Basterds the best war flick ever: Brad

BRAGGART Brad Pitt thinks his latest movie, Quentin Tarantino's Inglourious Basterds, is the last word in Second World War movies.

"The Second World War could still deliver more stories and films, but I believe that Quentin put a cover on that pot. With Basterds, everything than can be said to this genre has been said," Pitt told German magazine Stern. "The film destroys every symbol. The work is done, end of story."

As for Tom Cruise's Valkyrie, about a Nazi plot to kill Hitler? "It was a ridiculous movie," he said.

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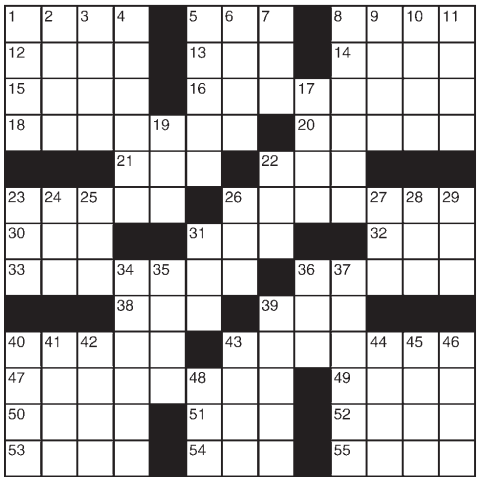

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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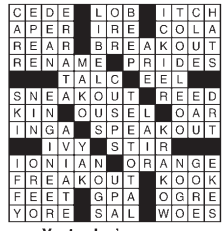

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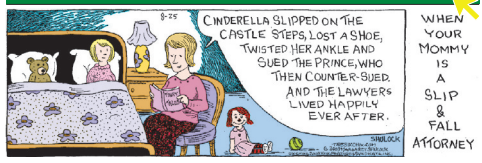

Metro Recipe of the Day

Lemon Turkey with Couscous Stuffing

INGREDIENTS:

1 bone-in turkey breast (4 to 4 1/2 lbs/1.8 to 2 kg)
2 tsp (10 ml) olive oil
1 tsp (5 ml) lemon juice
1 garlic clove, minced
1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated lemon peel
1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) pepper

STUFFING:

1 1/2 cups (375 ml) boiling water
1 cup (250 ml) uncooked couscous
1 medium carrot, shredded
1/2 cup (125 ml) raisins
1/3 cup chicken broth
1/4 cup (50 ml) slivered almonds, toasted
2 tbsp (25 ml) minced fresh parsley

METHOD:

1. Carefully loosen turkey skin, leaving attached at back. Combine oil, lemon juice, garlic, lemon peel, salt and pepper; spread under turkey skin. Place turkey to one side in shallow roasting pan coated with nonstick cooking spray.
2. For stuffing, in bowl, pour boiling water over couscous. Cover and let stand 5 minutes or until water is absorbed. Add remaining ingredients; toss to combine. Spoon stuffing into other side of pan, shaping into 8-in. x 5-in. x 2-in. (20-cm x 13-cm x 5-cm) mound. Cover pan; bake at 325 F (160 C) 45 minutes.
3. Uncover turkey; leave stuffing covered. Bake 40-50 minutes longer or until meat thermometer reads 170 F (77 C). Cover turkey with foil and let stand 15 minutes before slicing. Serve with stuffing.

SERVES 8

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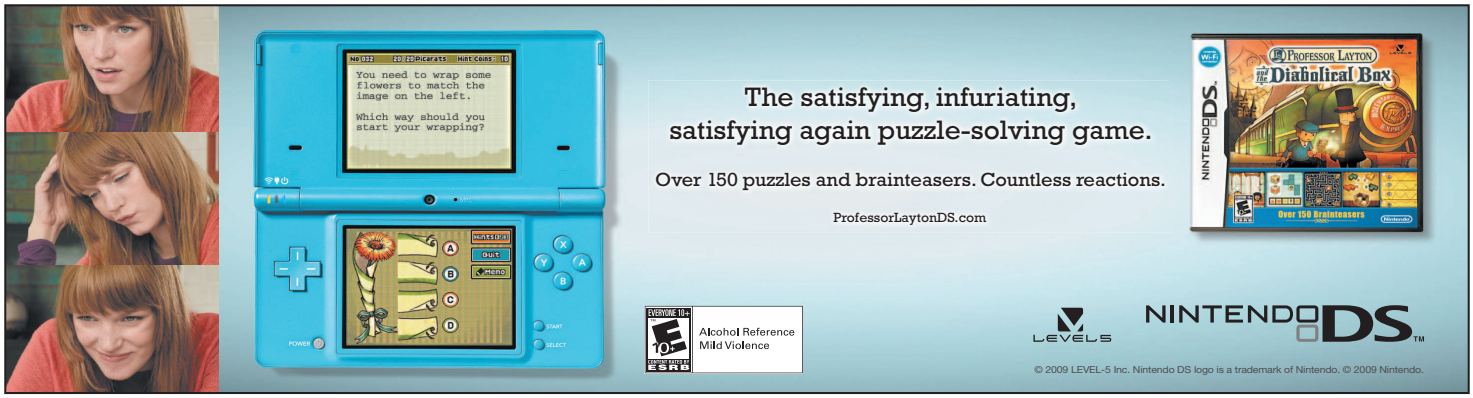

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Not everyone is as robust as you, so don't be surprised if someone reacts harshly to what you tell them.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You may be tempted to stick with what you know, but an adventurous approach will work wonders.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Something is going out of your life and you have regrets. But don't dwell on them. New opportunities are coming to you.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You'll look back on today as a turning point in your life. You'll have the energy to reach out for those lofty objectives.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
It doesn't matter how open and straightforward you may be, the information you have is too dangerous to tell others about.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
It's not like you to be impatient but you've had your fill of playing games just to please others. Friends can be changed.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Today's cosmic setup means that you know what you want — and one way or another, you will get it.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
The entry of Mars into the most adventurous area of your chart makes a great time of year for getting things done.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Cosmic activity in one of the more secretive areas of your chart urges you to be careful about what you reveal.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Get serious about a relationship or end it. The other person wants more than a friendship, but what do you want?

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Are you using your energy wisely? If certain tasks are tiring you more than you expected you are doing too much.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You may be impatient to get started on all those projects you've got lined up but for best results you must be selective.

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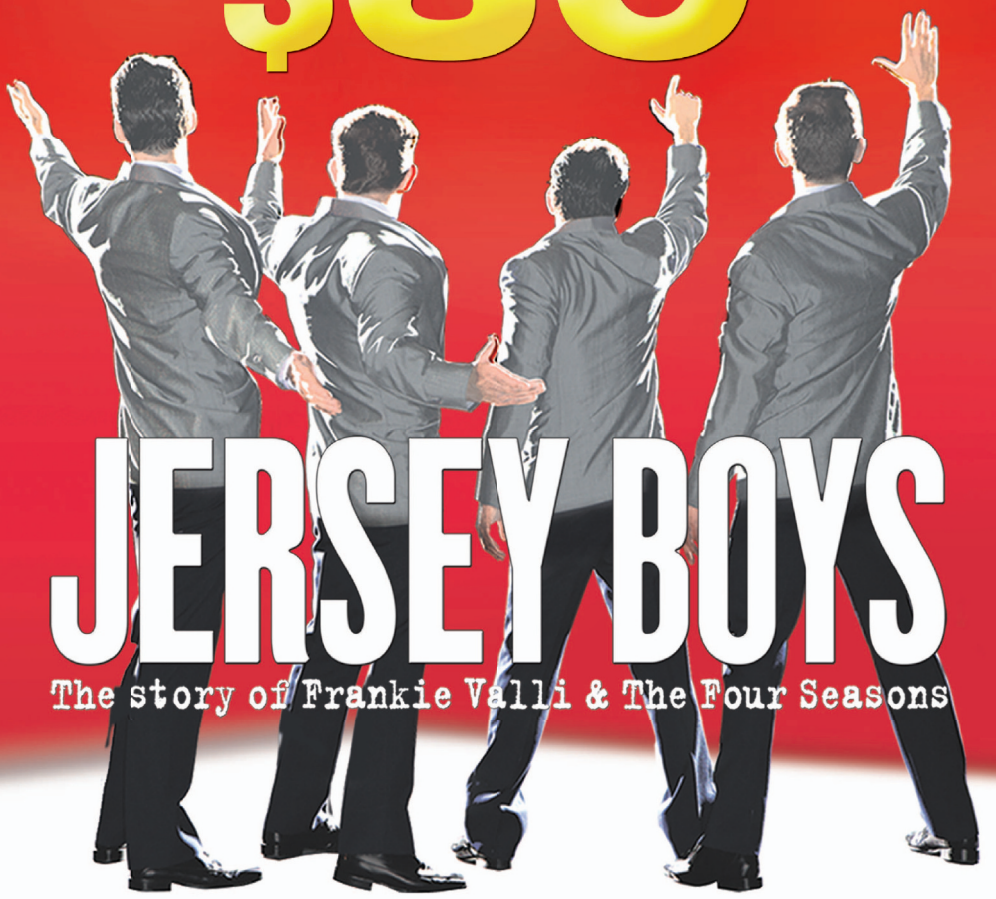

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